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London, To-day.

YESTERDAY WAS THE twenty-first day of the siege of Warsaw, and a message received in London from the Polish capital last night said that the last 24 hours had been, if any, still more terrible. "With the exception of a two-hour period," the message ran, "we have been undergoing continuous raids by 200 planes and shelling by heavy artillery.

SHELLS EXPLODE IN BELGIUM

(Our Own Correspondent)
(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.)

Brussels, To-day.

Excitement created along the Belgian border by news that shells had been exploding in the vicinity of St. Vith, inside Belgium to the north of Luxembourg, has quietened with the official explanation.

The shells were apparently German anti-aircraft shells, which had been fired at French planes reconnoitring in the region of Aix-la-Chapelle.

At the same time, the Belgian Government has issued a formal denial of a Nazi allegation that French aircraft has been flying over Belgian territory, and also of the persistent reports that German troops are being massed in the vicinity of Aix-la-Chapelle, close to the Belgian frontier. — Our Own Correspondent

ZEPPELIN FACTORY RAID DENIED

Paris, To-day.

French news agency reports deny that French planes bombed the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen.

They explain that the explosions heard must have been a "serious accident."

The Nazi news agency also denies the reported raid, and says: "Possibly a French reconnaissance plane flying over Lake Constance gave rise to the rumour." — Reuter

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, occasional light rain.

"Incendiary bombs have started hundreds of fires, and though water is scarce, the civilian population is fighting the flames heroically.

"Horses killed by shell-fire are butchered immediately and the meat distributed."

This was the first news received in London from Warsaw for many hours.

Some 62 members of the Soviet Embassy staff left Warsaw yesterday under safe conduct through the Polish and German lines.—Reuter.

GERMAN A.A. GUNS IN ACTION

(Our Own Correspondent)
(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.)

Paris, To-day.

French aerial activity checking up on reports of heavy Nazi troop concentrations in the region of the Swiss frontier, gave Basle a grandstand seat for a spectacular display by German anti-aircraft.

The incident occurred yesterday at about two o'clock in the afternoon, when a squadron of French reconnaissance planes, estimated to number fifteen machines, appeared over the Rhine near Basle.

The German anti-aircraft guns went into action immediately, and observers on the Swiss frontier saw puffs of smoke in clusters near the airmen.

None of the planes appeared to have suffered any serious damage, however, as after circling long enough to take pictures, they disappeared swiftly in a northerly direction.—Our Own Correspondent.

HITLER BACK IN BERLIN

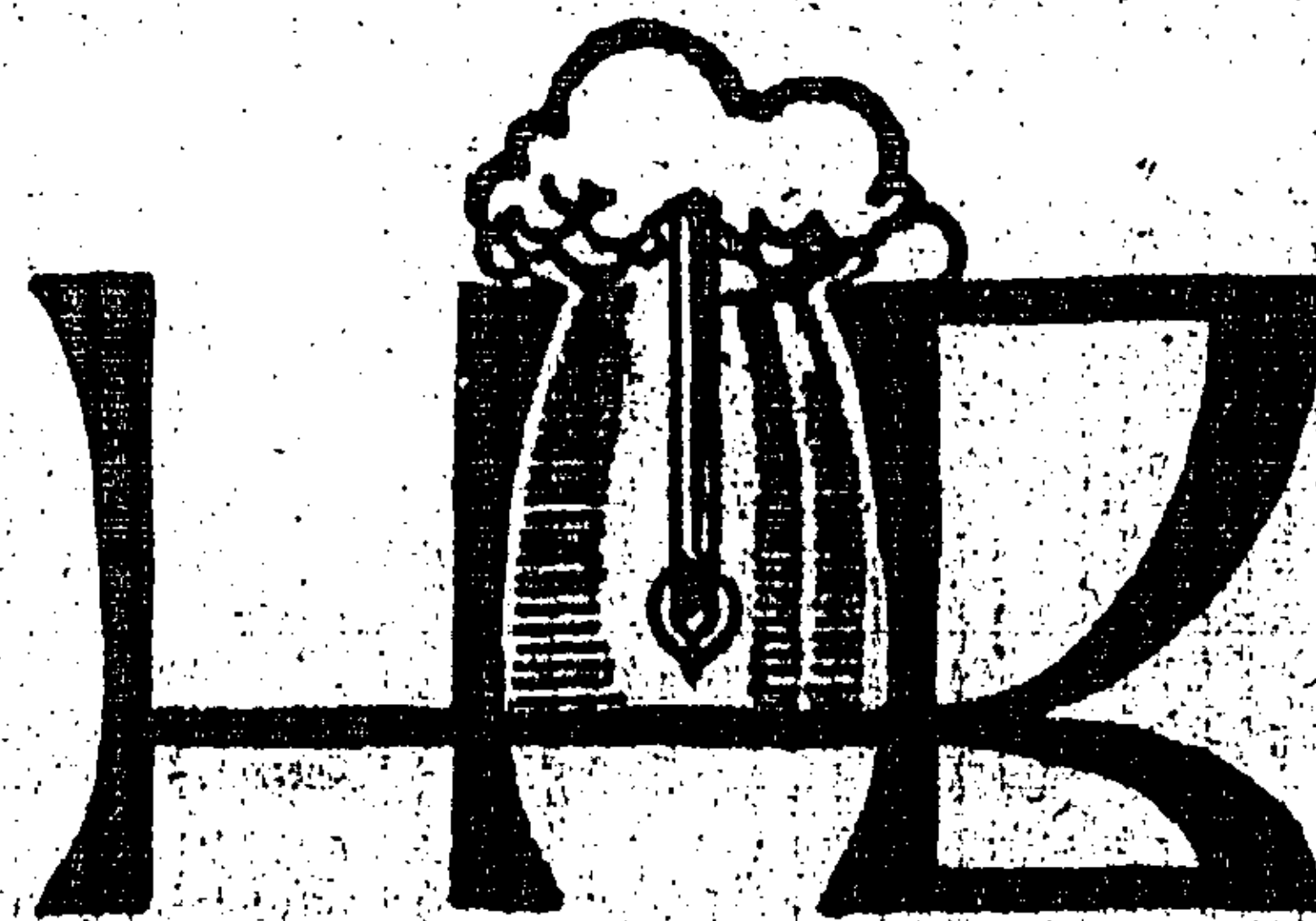
London, To-day.

Hitler and several of his right-hand men, including Field-Marshal Goering, the Air Minister, have arrived back in Berlin.—Reuter.



Their Majesties the King and Queen on Sept. 14 visited ships of the Merchant Navy. Photo shows the King and Queen talking to officers aboard a liner. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

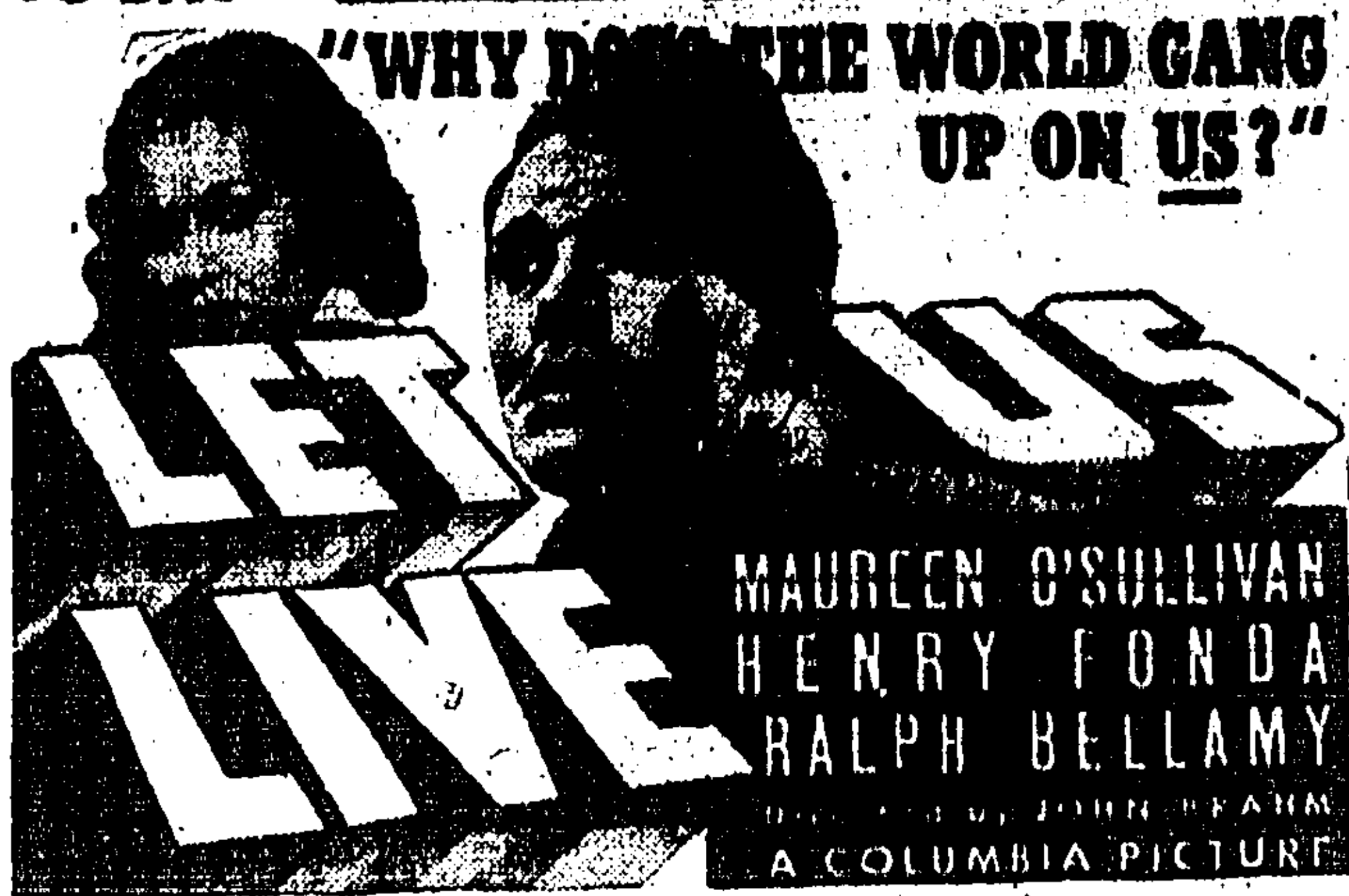
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**COMMONS RUDE
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AT ORGANISATION**

London, To-day.

IRONICAL LAUGHTER greeted the statement in the House of Commons by Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, that the total staff employed at the headquarters of the Ministry of Information number 872 and in regional offices 127.

The number of journalists actually engaged in their profession at the time of their appointment was 26 at headquarters and 17 in regional offices.

**HE SAID A
MOUTHFUL**

London, To-day.

A statement in the House of Commons yesterday on the personnel of the Ministry of Information by Sir Edward Griggs, the Ministry's parliamentary secretary, resulted in unfavourable demonstrations from all parts of the House.

Sir Edward announced that of the 872 personnel at the Ministry's headquarters, only 26 were journalists!

He added it was realised that this situation "needed investigating." — Reuter.

**SPAIN IS
NEUTRAL**

Madrid, Sept. 20.

Spain is determined to remain neutral in the European conflict, the paper "Alcazar" stated here to-day, commenting on the Soviet aggression in Poland and the reasserted determination of the Allies to keep on fighting.

More laughter occurred when Sir Edward Grigg added that, in addition, there were in the news division 48 officers appointed because of their familiarity with press relations work of government departments or the B.B.C. combined in many cases with previous journalistic or broadcasting experience.

CONCERN OF HOUSE

Mr. Morgan (Labour) asked if Sir Edward Grigg had taken notice of the concern of the House for the statement he had just made (cheers) and would "offer us at some early date a more satisfactory explanation regarding the preponderance of officials as against professional people engaged in newspaper work."

Sir Edward Grigg said that Lord MacMillan recognised that the situation required investigation (Laughter and cheers).

Mr. Davidson (Labour) ejaculated:—"It requires evacuation!" Sir Edward Grigg added that Lord MacMillan had already taken steps to enable an investigation to be made. — Reuter.

Neutrality represents the true sentiments of the country, the paper added. Times and circumstances have changed since 1914, the journal continued, and those who continue to show partiality towards either of the warring parties will be shown reason immediately with all the energy at the disposal of the Spanish regime. — Havas.

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THROWN INTO GAOL TO BE MADE "SOVIET-MINDED"

Moscow, To-day.

THE TASK OF MAKING the occupied areas in Poland "Soviet-minded" continues satisfactorily, says a Soviet communique.

Landlords and shopkeepers have been thrown in prison: Many landlords were captured in the marshes by bands of peasants organised by the Soviets.

These peasant bands are also hunting for Polish officers who are in hiding and have been without food for several days.

"Otherwise," the communique claims, "life in Poland is normal."

Committees have been formed to re-organise industrial and commercial life, and organisations from the Soviet are explaining the new order of things to the peasants.—Reuter.

ALL LYRICAL

Moscow, To-day.

A lyrical description is given by a Soviet journalist of the occupation of Poland by the Red Army.

Polish soldiers, he alleges, "ardently welcomed our forces who have scattered the Polish landlords."

"Polish girls threw flowers on our tanks."

"One girl took off her coral necklace and threw it into the vehicle of war."

"Another girl kissed our commander and tied her shawl round his neck."

"The whole crowd then broken into song!"—Reuter.

TURKISH DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

The Turkish Foreign Minister yesterday saw M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Minister) and M. Kalinin (President of the Supreme Council).

He will continue his talks with Soviet leaders to-day.

A Havas message from Bucharest says that the discussions concern Soviet relations with the Balkan countries, which the Turkish Foreign Minister wants to clarify.—Reuter.

THE NAZI PRETEXT

London, To-day.

A German comment on the sinking of Scandinavian shipping from the Berlin radio quotes the "Deutsche Dienst," the semi-official newspaper.

It says that Germany had to take "due measures of defence."

Wood-pulp and cellulose could be used in the manufacture of explosives.—Reuter.

AUDIENCE OF KING

London, To-day.

The King yesterday received Mr. Waterson, the new South African High Commissioner in London.—Reuter.

GANDHI AGAIN SEES VICEROY

Simla, To-day.

Mr. Gandhi yesterday saw the Viceroy for over three hours. It was the second meeting between the Congress leader and Lord Linlithgow since the war began.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE IN THE BALTIC

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government was anxious to maintain trade with the Baltic countries and Finland as far as the war permitted.

British trade officials were still at their posts in the Baltic ports, and the Government meant to keep them there.

Mr. Stanley also stated that every effort would be made to see that our export capacity was used as far as possible, after essential home needs had been met.—Reuter.

ASSASSIN'S WEAPON

London, To-day.

After Mr. Chamberlain had spoken in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, said he well believed the submarine menace was under control.

Mr. Attlee paid a tribute to the gallant Polish defence and sympathised with Rumania—a reference to the assassination of M. Calinescu.

He said that no one knew how for the assassin strikes to-day. Assassination was one of Hitler's weapons.—Reuter.

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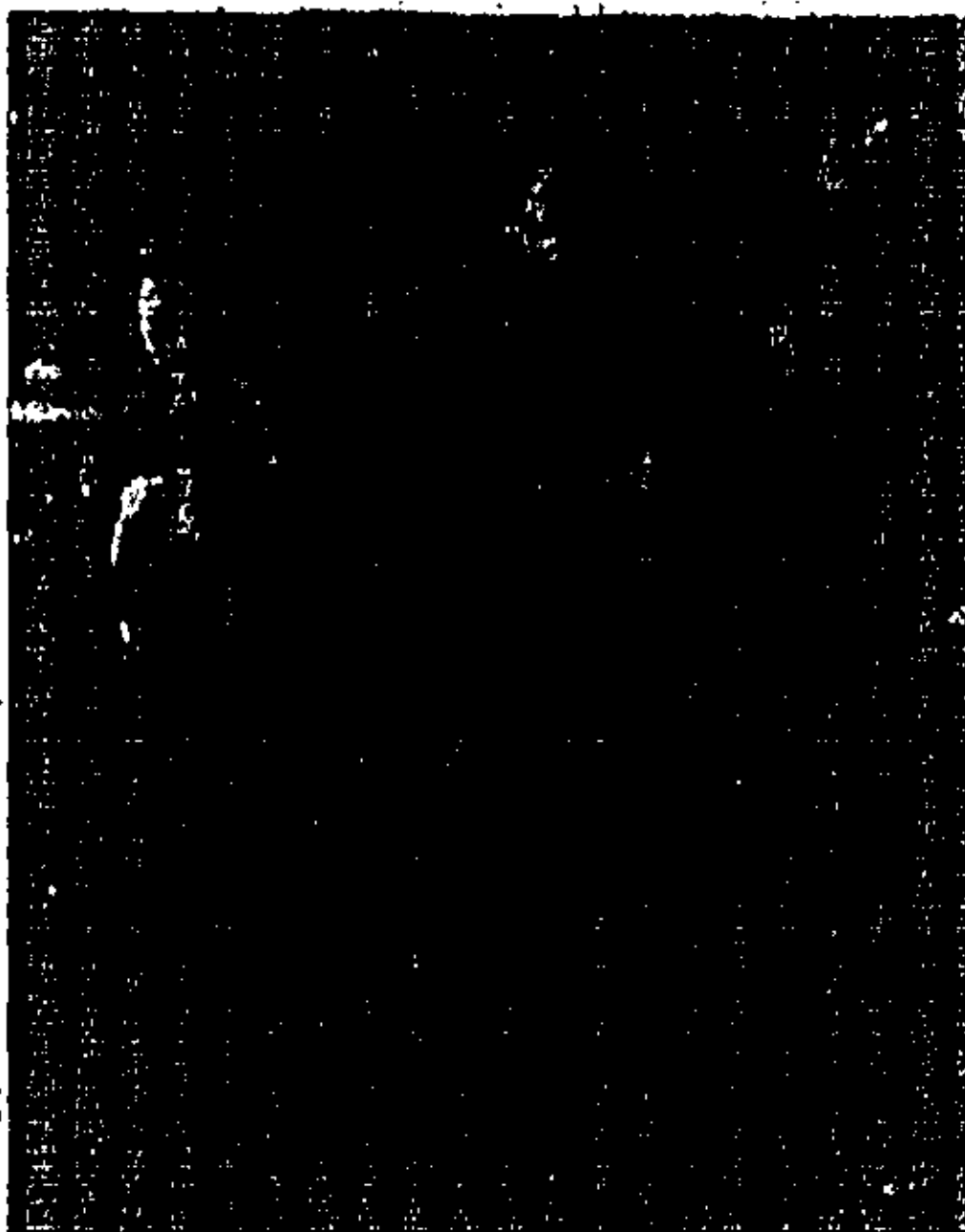
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NAVY'S WAR ON U-BOATS: MR. CHURCHILL WARNS AGAINST OVER-OPTIMISM

London, To-day.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, First Lord of the Admiralty, made a statement on the war at sea in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The convoy system, Mr. Churchill stated, was now in full operation, both for outward and inward ships.

The convoy system was a good defence against U-boats, but there was still a degree of risk, and steady losses could be expected.

They also had to guard against other forms of enemy attack on the surface and from the air, and it was not possible to guarantee full immunity for our shipping.

There were other ways of combating U-boats.

We could arm our merchant vessels and fast liners with defensive armament both against submarines and aircraft.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

In the last fortnight, armed merchant ships had been leaving this country in large numbers. Some were convoyed and some left independently.

This was taking place not only in the United Kingdom but all over the world.

Thus, in a short time, the immense British mercantile marine would be armed. As there were 2,000 British ships at sea every day, it would be a considerable operation.

Guns were ready at ports and trained gunners to train seamen and to man the guns had been allotted.

ANTI-SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

Another reply to U-boat attacks was British attacks on submarines.

These attacks so far had been five or six times more than during any equal period in the Great War.

The Prime Minister had stated last week that we had sunk six or seven submarines. He considered this an under-statement.

The figure given by Mr. Chamberlain meant that one-tenth of the total Nazi submarine force had been sunk, or one-quarter, or even a third, of all U-boats which were at sea when war broke out.

BIG ADVANTAGE

Making a comparison with the problem 25 years ago, Mr. Churchill said that the advantages Britain possessed to-day was much better in coping with the U-boat.

Very often in hunting down U-boats then, it was necessary to use a flotilla of 15 or 20 destroyers working together for whole days on the vaguest indications.

Now, two destroyers or even one could maintain a prolonged and relentless pursuit.

A very large number of attacks had been made by flotillas and hunting craft and attacks upon German U-boats had been five or six times as numerous as in any equal period in the last war in which, after all, they did not beat us.

The number of targets open to U-boats on vast expanses of seas and oceans will be greatly reduced by the use of convoys and at the same time the U-boats' means of attacking them will be heavily clogged and fettered.

Mr. Churchill said that to bridge the gap between what Britain had ready at the beginning of war and what she had ready now, the Admiralty decided to use aircraft carriers with some freedom in order to bring in unarmed, unorganised and unconvoyed traffic then approaching British shores in large numbers.

ONLY BEGINNING

Our attacks on U-boats were really only just beginning, and by October, our anti-submarine forces would be three times as large as at present.

In addition, targets for the enemy would be reduced by the convoy system.

Mr. Churchill referred to the important part played by the R.A.F. Speaking of the Courageous disaster, the First Lord said that risks have to be run in wartime.

H.M.S. Courageous was attended by four destroyers, but two of these were sent off to hunt a submarine which was attacking a merchant-ship.

TURNING INTO WIND

The attack on Courageous was made as the aircraft-carrier was turning into the wind at dusk to allow our aircraft to land.

It was a 100 to one chance, and this hard stroke did not lessen his confidence in our methods of fighting U-boats.

"I cannot feel, three weeks after the start of war, that the judgment of the Admiralty regarding these new methods of attack stands in any need of revision," said Mr. Churchill, and went on to pay a tribute to his predecessors at the Admiralty.

THE LOSSES

Mr. Churchill gave details of our losses through submarine attack. In the first week of war, we lost 65,000 tons.

In the second week the figure decreased to 46,000 tons, and

In the third week, it was only 21,000 tons.

In the last six days, Mr. Churchill revealed, this had been cut further to 9,000 tons.

Mr. Churchill warned against over-optimism, but said that our trade was going on.

In a fortnight we had seized and converted to our own use 67,000 tons more of German merchandise than had been sunk in our own ships.

Again giving a warning against over-optimism, Mr. Churchill said that in this country to-day, supplies were greater than if there had been no war and no sinkings by U-boats.

GREAT CONVOYS

"Meanwhile the whole vast business of our world trade continues with interruption and without prospect of diminution.

"Great convoys of troops are escorted to various destinations and enemy ships and commerce have been swept from the seas.

"Over two million tons of German shipping is sheltering in German or neutral harbours."

Mr. Churchill revealed that Britain had actually arrested, seized and converted into her own use, 67,000 tons more German merchandise than had been sunk in British ships (cheers).

"Even in oil, in which we have been unlucky in, losing some tankers, we lost 60,000 tons in the first fortnight and gained 50,000 tons from the enemy, apart from the enormous additional stores we brought safely to Britain in the normal way.

"I reiterate caution against over-sanguine deductions but we have now got more supplies in this country than we should have had if no war had been declared and if no U-boats had come into action.

"At that rate it will take a long time to starve us out."

MIXED CONDUCT

Referring to the character of the U-boat warfare, Mr. Churchill said that some of the enemy commanders had done their best to behave with humanity, but he also listed many

YE GODS AND LITTLE FISHES!

(See Para Two)

London, To-day.

Farms and villages are gradually filling up as British troops continue to arrive and assume their allotted places, writes "Eye-Witness" in France.

The General Staff are working hard but their plans are a well-kept secret though in cafes, little market squares and remote country hotels, officers and men are planning the course of the war with a wealth of strategical ingenuity.

All aspects of normal life from sport to religion are being ministered to. A chaplain told "Eye-Witness" that at a communion service yesterday in a small village, the congregation ranged from privates to generals.

The service was held in a little meadow surrounded with camouflaged artillery.

In many places Catholics are able to attend mass in the local church.—Reuter.

cruel and ruthless attacks on unarmed merchantmen.

U-BOAT MESSAGE

"We have seen them give full warning and also endeavour to help the crew find their way to port.

"One German captain signalled me personally the position of the ship he had just sunk. He signed his message 'German Submarine.'"

"I was in some doubt at the time as to what address I should direct my reply. However, he is now in our hands (laughter) and is treated with all consideration." (hear, hear).

But many cruel and ruthless acts have been done and, in this connection, Mr. Churchill mentioned the Athenia, Royal Sceptre and Hazleside. Britain could not recognise this type of warfare as other than contrary to all acquired and accepted traditions of the sea, and the violation of laws of war to which the Germans themselves in recent years so lustily subscribed.

Mr. Churchill recalled how, during the Great War, he watched with fear the increasing sinkings of our coast-wise shipping compared with the construction of new ships, and said that now there was no reason to suppose that such a situation could re-occur.—Reuter.

SWEDEN DECIDES TO CARRY ON

Stockholm, To-day.
Swedish ships with cargoes of cellulose have not been recalled, contrary to earlier reports.
The ships have been ordered to proceed and to use neutral waters as far as possible.—Reuter.

DANGER IN PROPER CONFINES

London, To-day.

When reviewing in the Commons the activities of the Navy against the German U-boat menace, Mr. Winston Churchill, like the Premier, paid a tribute to the important part being played by the R.A.F. both in directing destroyers upon their quarry and in themselves attacking.

Another part of the First Lord's statement which attracted much attention was his announcement that an enormous building programme of new ships of a simple character, capable of being very rapidly constructed, was already in full operation, and the whole House joined in cheering his closing sentences, in which he declared, if his surmise—he would not put it higher—that the U-boat menace would not, this time, come within reach of assuming serious proportions it did in 1917 were proved correct, it meant that "one primary danger is falling into its proper confines and that, amid all our anxieties, we can feel a steady measure of assurance that so far as the submarine is concerned, the British Empire and all its friends in every quarter of the globe will be able to develop those immeasurable latent forces, and that the whole strength and great resources and man-power of these many communities can be concentrated in ever growing intensity upon the task we have in hand, in which task we have only to persevere to conquer."

WAR ON NEUTRALS

Mr. Churchill also had the sympathy of all parties in the Commons in his measured denunciation of methods of warfare contrary to long-declared traditions of sea—methods which were now being turned against neutral shipping.

In the last few days, he said, Finnish, Dutch, Swedish, Greek, Norwegian and Belgian ships had been sunk on the high seas in indiscriminate manner and with loss of life.—British Wireless.

LABOUR LEADER PRAISES NAVY AND R.A.F.

MR. C. ATTLEE, Leader of the Opposition, said that the whole House welcomed the robust and vigorous statement of Mr. Churchill and they all joined in admiration for the work of the Navy and the Air Force in combatting the U-boat menace.

They welcomed the closest co-operation with their French Allies in every respect.

Mr. Attlee urged that the economic side of the war should always be in the minds of those directing it. He was of the opinion that the morale of the people of this country was very high and emphasized that it should be kept so.

R.A.F. LEAFLET

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal, criticised the last leaflet dropped on Germany. He did not believe it would have the effect on the German people it was supposed to have.

Sir Archibald Sinclair said that a delay in making the best use of our manpower might have fatal results. He added that Hitler meant to end the war in six months, so they needed vigorous preparation and organization to withstand the perils to which we will be exposed.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER ON WORK OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE: TRIBUTE TO POLES

London, To-day.

LITTLE BY WAY of revelation was made by the Prime Minister who made his fourth statement on the conduct of the war and the international situation yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain dealt briefly with the Soviet-German bargain on the partition of Poland, and said that in the circumstances, the Polish armies had been taken in the rear as well as the front, and had naturally been unable to hold their ground.

He paid a tribute to the magnificent heroism of the defenders of Warsaw and the Hela Peninsula.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that on September 20 he referred to the problems confronting the Rumanian Government by the passage of Polish troops and etc. in Rumania.

"His Majesty's Government were watching with sympathy the efforts of the Rumanian Government to meet these problems when they heard of the cowardly assassination of M. Calinescu and on September 21 His Majesty's Minister to Bucharest was immediately instructed to convey to the Rumanian Government the expression of the horror of the British Government at this outrage and their sincere and heartfelt condolence at the great loss Rumania had thereby suffered."

ON WESTERN FRONT

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to say that on the Western Front, the French continued to make progress in certain localities and had succeeded, notwithstanding increasingly energetic German reaction in maintaining all their gains intact.

In the air, the normal work of Reconnaissance and anti-submarine patrol in co-operation with the Royal Navy had been continued.

After referring to the R.A.F. flying-boat rescue of the crew of the Kensington Court, Mr. Chamberlain said that many attacks had again been made on enemy submarines.

IMPORTANT PART

The many developments in the endurance, speed and reliability of air craft since the last war had enabled them to play a most important part in the work of defeating submarines.

The work of the Coastal Command patrols had proved of the utmost assistance to the Navy in combating the submarine menace.

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded: "In the Dominions, the preparations of His Majesty's Government continue with gathering momentum."

"Dominion naval vessels are co-operating with our own."

"Dominion air strength is being made ready for use overseas."

"As the result of close co-operation, supplies of finished munitions, raw materials and foodstuffs from the Dominions were being made available in ever-increasing volume for the common cause."

CIVIL DEFENCE

Dealing with civil defence, Mr. Chamberlain again emphasised that nothing must be done either by the way of relaxing restrictions or reducing the scale of preparations which are likely to make Britain less capable of meeting the air menace with which they were constantly threatened.

Speaking of the work of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, Mr. Chamberlain said that it would carry out function, broadly speaking, which were carried out by the Ministry of Blockade in the last war.

General object of the ministry was to disorganise Germany's economic structure to such an extent as to make it impossible for her to carry on the war.

If Britain could prevent Germany from importing the raw materials

essential for functioning her war industries, the result would be to effectively cripple her power to prolong hostilities.

NO QUICK RESULT

Mr. Chamberlain, however, uttered a word of warning against over-optimism. He stated that Germany was already possessed of stocks of varying size of the raw materials which she was required to import and quick results could not therefore be expected from the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

"Our command of the sea means that from the day war broke out Germany was cut off from many of her sources of supply."

"German propaganda has meanwhile been active, alleging that the British contraband control would have no effect on Germany as she was self-sufficient and would on the other hand completely strangle neutral trade."

"I don't know which of these statements is further from the truth."

NEUTRAL OPINION

"The fact is we have made it clear since the beginning of the war that we were anxious to take account of bona fide trading needs of neutral countries and His Majesty's Government would gladly consider any suggestions that neutral governments might put forward for this purpose."

Mr. Chamberlain said that he was sure that neutral opinion would make

its own comparison between Britain's clearly-declared policy on one hand, and the thinly-veiled menaces of Germany towards neutrals — a menace which in the past few days has been translated into action by the sinking of three neutral ships under circumstances constituting a clear breach of international law.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the German Government should be the last to make the accusation that Britain was conducting an illegal and inhuman blockade, as the German submarines were attacking all shipping coming to these islands with a complete and callous disregard of humanity and the rules of submarine warfare to which they had solemnly agreed.

NO DIFFERENT FROM SIEGE

Much play is made in German propaganda of the inclusion of foodstuffs in the category of conditional contraband, and it is represented that we are thereby conducting an illegal and unhumane blockade.

But, in this respect, a naval blockade is in no way different from a land siege and no one has ever suggested that a besieging commander should allow free rations to the besieged town.

In any case, the German Government should be the last to make such an accusation at a time when their submarines are attacking all shipping coming to these islands.

GOODWILL OF LABOUR

The Prime Minister dealt with the change in the purpose of industry and on its concentration on war needs under the Government, which was ready and anxious to take any steps that may be necessary to secure the goodwill of labour.

It was the Government's view that the support of both the employers' and workers' organisations was essential if this country was to put forth a maximum effort.

They had been much encouraged in the initiative shown by responsible authorities of the engineering industry in preparing for the extension of labour supply.

The trade unions which had agreed under proper safeguards to relax

WARSAW STILL HOLDS OUT

London, To-day.

In spite of 11 days of indiscriminate shelling by the German artillery and endless air raids, Warsaw still holds out.

The centre of the city is in ruins, and incendiary bombs have started over 100 large fires. The business quarter has been almost wiped out.—Reuter.

their normal conditions, had saved them from the difficulties of the last war and made a contribution for which the whole country was grateful.

GENERAL ATTITUDE

Mr. Chamberlain concluded with a statement on Britain's general attitude towards war, declaring: "No-one can doubt that in modern warfare it is on the determination and courage and endurance of ordinary men and women that victory ultimately depends."

"No-one familiar with the conditions in this country can have any doubts as to where we stand in these respects."

"Never have our people been more united and more determined."

"They are resolved—and that simple rid themselves once and for all of fact cannot be too often pressed—to the perpetual threat of German aggression of which Poland is the latest instance."

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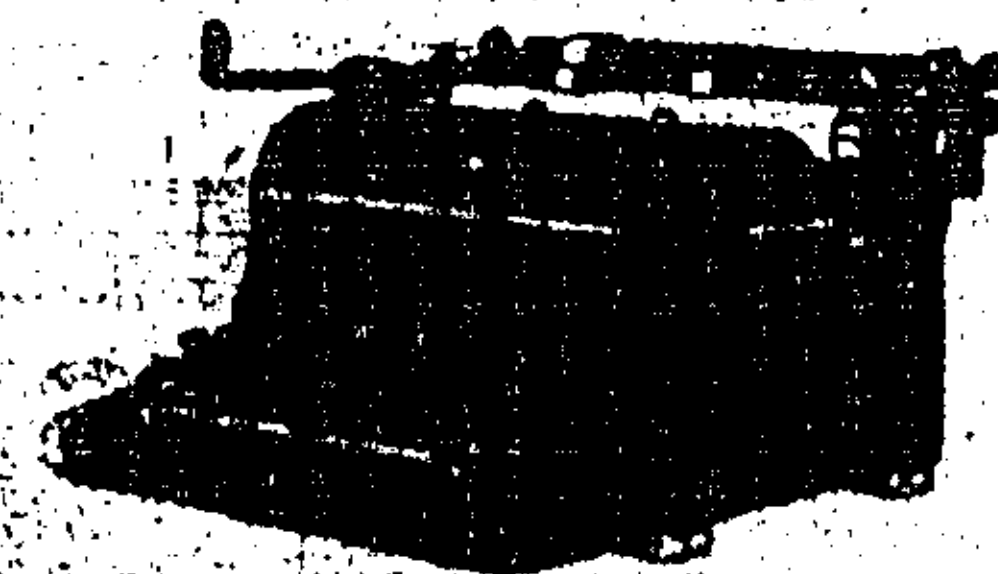
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EWO BEER

RIBBENTROP EXPECTED TO TRY TO SEPARATE TURKEY FROM THE ALLIES

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, September 27, 2.16 p.m.)

Paris, To-day.

IT IS STRONGLY SUSPECTED here that Von Ribbentrop's visit to Moscow at this particular time is based upon the desire of Hitler to make a last bid to win Turkey out of the anti-aggression front.

It is believed, on the basis of reports from Berlin, that von Ribbentrop will also discuss the Soviet's intentions regarding Esthonia, and will probably offer Stalin a direct formal alliance between Germany and the Soviet.

What influence such an alliance would have upon Turkey, whose Foreign Minister is now in Moscow, is the subject of considerable speculation, although it is recalled that prior to his journey, the Turkish Foreign Minister declared that Turkish policy remained unchanged.

It is also inferred that if Hitler gets his alliance with Moscow, he will make "peace proposals" to the Allies.

It is taken for granted that Ribbentrop will make strenuous efforts to separate Turkey from France and Britain.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOVIET-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS

(Our Own Correspondent)
(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.)

Moscow, To-day.

Ribbentrop and the Turkish Foreign Minister will be in the Soviet capital at the same time, it is anticipated, as the Nazi Foreign Minister is flying to Moscow to-day.

Yesterday what were described in the official communique as "most cordial conversations" took place at the Kremlin between the Turkish Foreign Minister and M. Molotov, Marshal Voroshiloff, the War Minister, M. Potemkin, and M. Torkine.—Our Own Correspondent.

TRUTH WILL OUT, PERHAPS

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Admiralty states that what was taken to be sounds of gunfire off the Norwegian coast on Monday was actually the "explosion of dynamite."

Eye-witnesses on islands west of Bergen, however, state that they heard the thunder of guns and saw ships moving northward.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

Reports from Lister Fjord and Farsund of another naval battle in the North Sea have been described as untrue.—Reuter.

THE QUEEN RETURNS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE QUEEN RETURNED TO LONDON FROM SCOTLAND YESTERDAY.

While in Scotland, Her Majesty paid many visits, especially to hospitals and children who had been evacuated from Glasgow to houses and cottages on the Royal Estate at Balmoral, and to schools where evacuated children are being taught.—Reuter.

SOVIET AID TO CHINA

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.07 p.m.)

Shanghai, To-day.

A message received here from Washington quotes the Chinese Ambassador there as stating that his information indicates that the Soviet will probably not be giving up her aid to China.

U.S. AND BRITAIN IN CONSULTATION

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said yesterday that informal conversations were going on with Britain to minimise the inconveniences caused by the United States' neutral position in the war.—Reuter.

BRITISH ARTILLERY UNITS IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

THE FIRST BRITISH artillery units to reach France are now installed, writes "Eye-Witness."

"One unit I visited were in a beautiful country house, down a magnificent mile-long avenue of trees stretching away from the chateau. Units of motorised transport were parked in perfect camouflage," he writes.

"The British equipment is creating something of a sensation among the villagers. French officers and pollux discuss points and material with expert critical judgment. The huge tyres with their curious corrugated tread, the camouflage nets and a dozen other technical details arouse their unstinted admiration.

"In the meantime, preparations of the British Field Force go steadily forward in beautiful sunny weather, but there is no concrete development that can be reported at the present stage.

NEVER A HORSE

"One of the busiest spots is Motor Transport Headquarters, where one of the chiefs explained that they are working 18 hours daily. He pointed out that no one ever before has had experience of transporting a completely motorized force across to France.

"No one has yet seen a horse—

GOEBBELS STILL IN DISGRACE

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, September 27, 2.16 p.m.)

Zurich, To-day.

Despite the appearance of Goebbels at Berlin press conferences, allowing the inference that stories of his disgrace were unfounded, it is stated here that there can be no doubt that Goebbels is out of favour with Hitler.

The importance attached to Goebbels' inactivity abroad, it is suggested, had its effect on Hitler and it is now more gradual than was originally contemplated.

The trouble, according to reports reaching here, was due to opposition by Dr. Goebbels to the present war and to a dispute between Goebbels and Goering and the German naval commander, Admiral Raeder.

If the reports are true, it is likely that Goebbels' successor will be Dr. Weimer, who is well-known as a close personal friend of Field Marshal Goering.—Our Own Correspondent.

SWEDEN MAY DEMAND COMPENSATION

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.)

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Minister in Berlin, who has protested against the sinking of Swedish merchant ships, has been instructed to inform the German Government that the Swedish Government reserves all rights to request compensation.—Our Own Correspondent.

GERMANY NEEDS NEW GESTAPO

London, To-day.

The official Nazi radio announced yesterday that a special police body has been formed in Germany to combat saboteurs and those sticking up propaganda billposters.

This is an indication of the amount of unrest in Germany.—Reuter.

ROYAL SCEPTRE CREW SAFE

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Copyright, Received Sept. 27, 2.10 p.m.)

London, To-day.

It is revealed in a message from Rio de Janeiro that the crew of the Royal Sceptre were rescued by another British steamer, the Browning.

Thirty-two members of the crew have been landed at Bahia.

The only Browning listed in Lloyd's is the 5,000-ton Lamport and Holt steamer, which carries wireless.—Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

A cable from Bahia, Brazil, announces that the crew of the Royal Sceptre, hope for whom had previously been abandoned since she sunk at the beginning of the war, have been landed safely at San Salvador, which is a small port near Bahia and is not to be confused with the capital of the Salvador Republic.—Reuter.

THE THETIS

London, To-day.

Nineteen more bodies have been taken from the engine-room of the Thetis, making 64 recovered.

The engine-room is now cleared and in will now be possible to start re-sealing the submarine in readiness for refloating her by compressed air.—Reuter.

INTERNMENT IN UGANDA

London, To-day.

A German woman in Uganda pays tribute to the treatment meted to interned Germans by the British authorities, in a letter which has been intercepted.

She says the interned German men are in comfortable quarters and are given excellent food.

She herself, she writes, is able to go out whenever she pleases, "and if my husband were not interned, I would hardly realise that there is a war on."—Reuter.

SINGAPORE TIN QUOTA

Singapore, To-day.

The domestic tin quota for the last quarter of this year has been fixed at 43 per cent.

The figure is based on the international quota of 60 per cent.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT IN CONFERENCE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with six of his Cabinet advisers on questions of neutrality and domestic questions arising out of the war.—Reuter.

ANOTHER "NAVAL BATTLE"?

Copenhagen, To-day.

A naval engagement in which warships including submarines and aircraft participated, took place in the North Sea, according to unconfirmed reports from Listerfjord and Farsund on the southern tip of Norway.

It was stated that the action began at noon and ended at 1 p.m. yesterday.—Reuter.

feature of the present war which strikes veterans most forcibly."—Reuter.

KENT GETS FALSE AIR RAID ALARM

London, To-day.

A false air raid alarm was sounded in the towns of Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham yesterday morning.

The alarm went during breakfast time, and the inhabitants left their ham and eggs and went into air raid shelters.

The alarm was caused by a short circuit in the siren in Chatham Dockyard, and the all clear went shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

U-BOAT WAR ON NEUTRAL SHIPPING: ALARM AND INDIGNATION IN THE BALTIC

London, To-day.

THE TORPEDOING of the Swedish steamer *Silesia* (1,800 tons) has caused fresh alarm and indignation in the Scandinavian countries.

Nineteen of the crew were picked up by another Swedish vessel.

The *Silesia* was the third Scandinavian steamer to be sunk by Nazi submarines in the last few days.

No more cellulose, wood-pulp and timber is to be exported from the North, and exporters are to take steps to meet the U-boat campaign by shipping products overland, to be loaded at Norwegian ports for Britain.

This will entail a 20 per cent. increase in costs.

HALF EXPORTS

If wood-pulp supplies continue to be sunk by U-boats, Sweden's export trade will be almost at a standstill, for wood-pulp constitutes half her exports. Nine-tenths of this goes to Britain.

Yesterday's Scandinavian newspapers devoted much space to criticism of the Nazi U-boat campaign.

Finnish exporters state they will continue shipping as far as possible.

Meanwhile, a Norwegian delegation is coming to London from Oslo to discuss questions connected with Norwegian shipping.—Reuter.

LOYALTY OF INDIA

London, To-day.

The Marquis of Zetland, Secretary of State for India, expressed in the House of Lords yesterday the Government's high appreciation of the loyalty of all classes of India.

The Indian National Congress, he said, had stated it would be difficult to give whole-hearted support except on conditions affecting relations between Britain and India.

The Viceroy was discussing the question with the Congress Party and the Muslim League.—Reuter.

ARMY SETS AGE LIMIT

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government's policy was not to send overseas men now serving in the Army until they had reached the age of 19.

He added that the Government would not call up for service overseas men below the age of 20.—Reuter.

Cheong Wing-choy, the South China "A" goalkeeper, sustained a spinal injury while playing in Batavia. He has been advised by the doctors in Manila not to play in the series in the Philippines.

INTERNMENT OF GERMANS IN INDIA

Simla, To-day.

Of 1,500 Germans who were in India when war broke out, 830 have been interned.

Propaganda material and other documents seized when the arrests were made are now being examined.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY DUELS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

SCENE OF OPERATIONS on the Western Front continues to be the country west of Haardt which forms a kind of link between the Saar line and the Forest of Haardt.

The nature of the operations is unchanged. Activity consists of artillery duels and local engagements carried out by forces never stronger than a battalion at a time on either side.

German artillery fire which has been harassing the French lines has now dwindled and the position is relatively calm except in the sector east of Zweibrücken where appreciable activity continues.—Reuter.

BASLE?

Paris, To-day.

"Le Matin," commenting on the western front fighting, says that intensive German artillery fire on one sector is not likely to presage a large-scale attack, in view of the fact that the enemy will have to cross the Rhine and then come up against the Maginot Line.

The newspaper queries the reason for the fierce bombardment, and hints that some other operation near Basle may be contemplated by the Germans.

NEW FACTOR

Another correspondent in the same newspaper says a new factor may arise.

Yesterday, German troops hoisted large placards on top of their pill-boxes reading: "Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuehrer."

French soldiers retallated with placards "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity."—Reuter.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

Paris, To-day.

Yesterday evening's communique records activity of enemy artillery in the region south of Zweibrücken and south of Permansen.

At dawn yesterday, an assault was repulsed on the latter front.—Reuter.

THEN WE SHALL BE WELL INFORMED

London, To-day.

When the British Expeditionary Force is in action against the enemy, communique similar to the regular French communique concerning operations on the Western front will be issued, according to a statement by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

WHAT DOES GREENLAND SAY?

London, To-day.

The German Freedom Station, which conducts anti-Nazi broadcasts in Germany, scored yesterday.

Answering the official Nazi broadcast from Zeesen, which had claimed that Mexican newspapers had fixed the responsibility for starting the war on Britain, the Freedom Station said: "No-one can read the Mexican newspapers and find out if this is true."—Reuter.

GERMAN SWITCH TO WEST

Paris, To-day.

Paris Radio has announced that according to neutral observers a very large part of the German armies that operated in Poland have now been transferred to the Western Front.

Reports of concentrations of German troops at Aix-la-Chapelle and the Black Forest appear to have been confirmed although no information is available regarding their strength.

Aix-la-Chapelle and other towns near the Siegfried Line have been almost completely evacuated.

According to the same source, work is proceeding day and night to strengthen the defence system between Merzig, Saarbrücken and Wissembourg and concrete gun pits are being constructed and block-houses and shelters hurriedly erected.—Reuter.

EXTRA TAXATION IN N.Z.

Wellington (N.Z.), To-day.

Mr. W. Nash, the New Zealand Finance Minister, proposed in Parliament yesterday extra taxes to meet part of the Dominion's war expenditure, which amounts to nearly £10,000,000 to March, 1940.

He proposed an increase in income tax of 15 per cent., and higher postage, liquor, tobacco and death duties.

These increases, together with the gold export tax, are expected to bring in £3,250,000, and £3,000,000 is provided for in the current Budget.

The rest of the sum will be made up by loans and advances.—Reuter.

The additional taxation includes a 15 per cent increase in income-tax; threepence a gallon on beer; 25 per cent on tobacco; a penny surcharge on all letters; and a gold tax of 75 per cent of the difference between the prices on August 24 and the date of sale.—Reuter.

HEAVY TRANSFER OF NAZI TROOPS

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph, Received, September 27; 2.15 p.m.)

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Berlin correspondent of the Copenhagen newspaper "Politiken" who is behind the lines on the West, declares that the German armies are coming back from Poland in large numbers and are being moved at once in the direction of the Western Front.

He declares that Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) and other big towns in the possible war zone have already been almost completely evacuated.

Commenting on the food situation in Germany he says that the German troops appear to be getting sufficient food, but the civilians are short of rations.—Our Own Correspondent.

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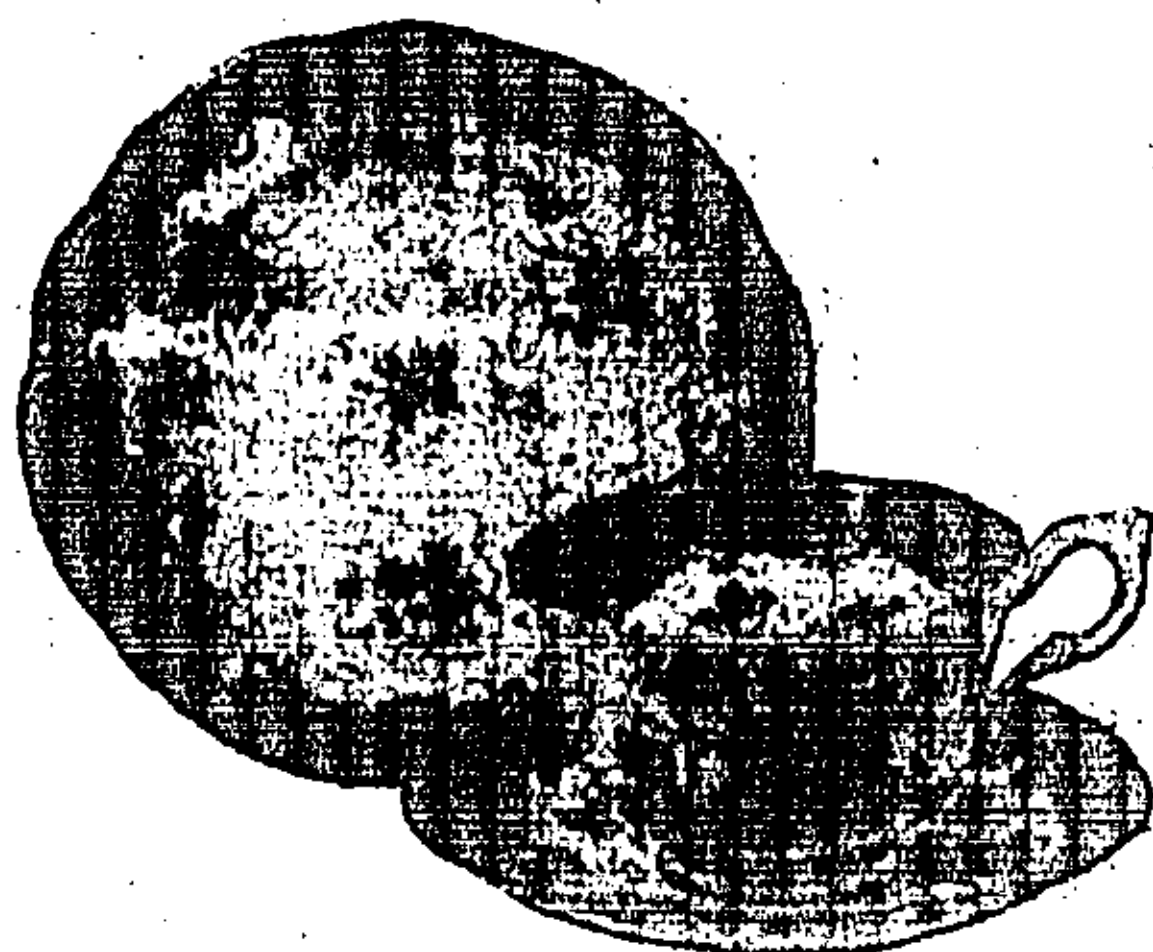
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HITLER SPEECH

Apparently world opinion is divided on the question of whether or not Dictator Hitler intended his speech as a peace move or as the signal for more war and more ruthlessness in war. But it is vain to hope that the effect may be in the direction of peace and international order. If that speech has any effect whatsoever on the length and the character of this war it will be to prolong the horrible conflict and widen the scale of its destructiveness.

Apparently the Hitler plan is to ignore the Western Front war and to try to dictate terms of peace on the basis of what has been done in and with Poland. But nothing could be more effective in making that plan impossible of accomplishment than the Danzig speech.

If Britain and France ever were disposed toward giving the least bit of attention to the proposal of ending the war where it is and settling on the basis of the results of the first round (which we hardly think they ever were), they would be virtually forced to forget that disposition and to go all the more doggedly to the task of finishing in the only honourable way that which they have undertaken.

Hitler has made it more thoroughly impossible than ever for them to quit—or even to hesitate.—“Manila Bulletin.”

detrimental to China's interests or her campaign of resistance, “because the relations between China and Soviet Russia are regulated by the Sino-Soviet non-aggression pact.” Soviet Polish relations are also “regulated” by a non-aggression pact, but that has not prevented the Stalin Government from embarking upon an invasion of Poland, thus literally stabbing that country in the back while it is engaged in a desperate attempt to stem the German invasion.

WHAT EXPERTS THOUGHT YESTERDAY

From the August issue of the American Mercury:

FRITZ KUHN, leader of the German-American Bund: “Rumours that Germany will enter into a pact with Communist Russia are part of a campaign to smear Hitler with a Communist brush.”

THE DAILY WORKER, Communist organ: “The whispered lies to the effect that the Soviet Union will enter into a treaty with Nazi Germany are nothing but poison spread by the enemies of peace and democracy, the appeasement mongers, the Munich men of Fascism.”

Whether Japan will conclude or consider concluding an agreement with Soviet Russia as vital as the deal which Hitler made with Stalin, remains to be seen. It can be stated with certainty, however, that Stalin, if he deems such a deal desirable, will not allow the tiny trifle of his government's hitherto professed sympathy for China the way.

On the side of Japan, as we have pointed out previously, a substantial deal with Moscow would yield two important advantages: It would untie her hands in Manchuria, thus enabling her to concentrate almost her entire military efforts in China, and at the same time give her added bargaining power with the European “democracies” whom she regards as a hindrance to her conquest of China.—“China Weekly Review.”

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TRUE IMPLICATIONS

Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel, and now Danzig—the tale of aggression stretches out far enough already to show its character and to point to its extreme catastrophe. Those who speciously ask, “Is Danzig worth a war?” either do not realise or wish to disguise the true implications of the problem. It is not merely Danzig, it is human destiny that is at stake; and it is comforting to know that on this occasion the British people have no illusions as to the true issue. Whatever German propaganda may have done to unite the German people, German policy, as it is inspired and directed to-day, has consolidated the British people to a degree which has never been surpassed. It is their honourable part to be the cornerstone of resistance to unbridled aggression, and whatever befall they will stand firm and implement their pledges to the full. They can do no other.—“Daily Telegraph.”

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LEBENSRAUM

Encirclement and lebensraum (living space) are two of the impostor terms with which Hitler has seduced Germany. They apply only to Germany, of course. They do not justify any other country in nursing a grievance—just the Herrenvolk, or superior people, in Germany itself. But, if the thought of another country's situation in respect of encirclement and lebensraum ever dawns upon a Nazi, he might consider the case of Poland. Here he will find material worthy of contemplation. Poland before the invasion, was process of both encirclement and the denial of lebensraum. And the process was occurring at the hands of the country which is shouting from the rooftops its own disabilities in both respects. “N.Y. Times.”

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SOVIET AND JAPAN

The “Shun Pao,” leading Chinese daily, indulged in some wishful thinking on September 17 when it expressed the brief that the Soviet Government, despite the truce, would do nothing

MOSCOW THREAT TO ESTHONIA: SUBMARINE PRETEXT

London, To-day.

THE MOSCOW RADIO last evening broadcast a statement saying that the Esthonian explanation of the escape from Tallinn of the interned Polish submarine was "insufficient."

The Soviet, said the broadcast, found it necessary to take steps to safeguard its waters from foreign submarines.

The only explanation of the Polish submarine's escape, it was alleged, was that the Esthonian authorities had provided the craft with petrol and so forth, sufficient for a long voyage.

The broadcast alleged that the presence of secret submarine bases not far from Tallinn.

It is said that the periscopes of two submarines had been sighted in the Bay of Finland, and Soviet destroyers had been sent to the area.

ESTHONIAN REPLY

Meanwhile, the Esthonian commander-in-chief, in a broadcast from Tallinn last night, said: "We have done all we can to keep out of war, but if we are attacked we will defend ourselves gallantly."

M. Selter, the Esthonian Foreign Minister, who returned suddenly to Tallinn from Moscow, has now gone back to the Soviet capital.—Reuter.

NO EXPLANATIONS

London, To-day.

Soviet-Esthonian relations continue to offer much reason for speculation.

The Esthonian Foreign Minister, M. Karl Selter, left Moscow suddenly by air after a visit lasting only 15 hours.

Back in Tallinn, M. Selter conferred with the Esthonian President and commander-in-chief, and then flew back to Moscow.

An extraordinary session of the Esthonian Cabinet was held in Tallinn yesterday.

Esthonian Government sources will give no explanation of M. Selter's movements, but observers say there is reason to believe that Russia has presented far-reaching demands to Esthonia.—Reuter.

TWO DEMANDS REPORTED

Stockholm, To-day.

A Swedish newspaper, commenting on the Soviet-Esthonian developments, says that the Soviet has made two demands, which have the character of an ultimatum, to Esthonia.

Russia claims the right to establish a naval base off Finland and to have a firm grip on Esthonia's foreign trade.—Reuter.

GRANDI'S MESSAGE

London, To-day.

Lord Halifax has received a telegram from Count Grandi, the former Italian Ambassador in London expressing sincere regret at being unable to return to London to take official leave of the King and Queen and the British Government.

He hoped in the near future to be able to do so.

Count and Countess Grandi are kindly remembered by a very large circle of friends they made during their seven years' stay in Britain.—British Wirelless.

BRITAIN'S SEIZURES

London, To-day.

Figures for the first three weeks of the war show that Britain has seized about 256,000 tons of goods, as to which there was evidence they were contraband consigned to Germany. These include some 62,000 tons of petroleum products, 65,000 tons of iron ore and 87,000 tons of manganese ore.—British Wirelless.

U.S. NAVAL MOVEMENTS IN PACIFIC

Washington, To-day.

The U.S. Navy Department has decided to send "a pretty fair-sized detachment" of warships from the Pacific Coast to Hawaiian waters for training purposes, according to high authority here.

Some decentralization of the Pacific Fleet which is concentrated at San Pedro is believed to be favoured by a number of naval officers.—Reuter.

IRAQ AID TO ALLIES

BAGHDAD, TO-DAY.

IN A RADIO ADDRESS IN BAGHDAD YESTERDAY, THE IRAQ PRIME MINISTER SAID IRAQ WOULD FULFIL HER OBLIGATIONS TO BRITAIN AND SAID THAT OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD DO THE SAME.

He condemned the doctrine of Aryanism and those who consider that the Semitic nations, including the Arabs, are inferior races and unworthy of full independence.

He said the Iraq decision was a tribute to British policy towards Iraq.—Reuter.

MR. HORE-BELISHA SEES "TOMMIES" IN FRANCE

London, Sept. 21.

The War Secretary, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, accompanied by Lord Hankey, returned to Paris to-day to hold further conferences with the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, and General Marie Gustave Gamelin. French Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces, it was officially announced.

Mr. Hore-Belisha also saw the commander of the British forces in France and inspected the British troops.—Havas.

SACKED!

London, To-day.

The German news agency yesterday published a message which ostensibly came from Bratislava, stating that the Slovakian Consul in London had been deprived of office.

It will be recalled that the Consul sent a message to the Foreign Office in London in which he said Slovaks supported the Allies.—Reuter.

PREMIER SEES THE KING

London, To-day.

After making his speech in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.



Newly joined up, they thought the photographer was picking out them, but just behind was General Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief, walking to the War Office. Photo was taken on September 15. (Copy-right. By Air Mail).

DUTCH CIVIL PLANE ATTACKED

Stockholm, To-day.

A Dutch civil plane operating the air service between Malmo and Amsterdam was raked with machine-gun fire, by a German military machine over the North Sea some 70 miles north-west of Heligoland, at an altitude of 2,400 feet.

Gustav Lamm, a Swedish civil engineer who was one of nine passengers, was killed by a machine-gun bullet.

The plane, although damaged, succeeded in landing at Amsterdam.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

A Cabinet decree issued yesterday orders the dissolution of the Communist Party in France.—Reuter.

BUCHAREST DENIALS

Bucharest, To-day.

It is officially denied that Russia has massed troops on the Rumanian frontier near Bessarabia. It is also denied that the Rumanian-Soviet border has been closed.—Reuter.

SYRIAN PROMISE

Paris, To-day.

Arabs in Syria have sent a message to the French High Commissioner stating that they will do nothing against France's interests.—Reuter.

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PROBLEMS OF THE MINISTRY

London, To-day.
The fact that the Ministry of Information does not originate news was emphasised by Lord MacMillan in the House of Lords in reviewing the Ministry's functions. He declared that it was a misconception that the Ministry was a mine of information on every subject. Actually it had no means of obtaining news as newspapers do and was dependent upon other Government departments for its information. —Reuter.

NO SKIN FOR SAUSAGES

London, To-day.
The following story is told by the Contraband Control. Ten hogsheads of Chinese sausage skin have been seized by the Control and are now in a British port. The hogsheads contained a surprising number of skins, and an expert places the length at 900,000 feet, or 170 miles. Put in another way, this means that the skin would stretch half the length of the Siegfried Line! —Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.
THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES and military have no anxiety regarding the most recent movements on the Hunan Front where they are making a determined drive toward Changsha, capital of Hunan.

They point out that from a military point of view Changsha has little or no importance. The Japanese drive is purely for political and designed to make an impression of the establishment of the new Government in Nanking under Wang Ching-wei.

The Chinese forces, it is pointed out here, twice before announced their intention of abandoning Changsha immediately after the fall of Hankow, and again after the fall of Nanchang. Reuter news despatches from the Hunan Front, filed almost a year ago, quoted Chinese high commanders as intimating their intention of abandoning Changsha and fighting a decisive battle with the Japanese in the hills to the west of Hunan between Hengyang and Paoching.

ATTEMPT PREDICTED
The same opinion was expressed only recently by Generals Li Tsung-jen and Chen Cheng, who in fact predicted a possible Japanese attempt to capture Changsha. They stressed that the fall of Changsha would not affect the outcome of the Chinese war of resistance as the Chinese were preparing to wage a decisive battle against the Japanese in the areas where the Japanese would be unable to make use of the railways, highways, waterways, or level plains.

The Chinese military authorities emphasise that this by no means indicates that the Chinese Army will not put up strong resistance at Changsha.

HELD UP ONE YEAR
They point out that the Chinese have held up the Japanese for one year across the Sintsang River.

They also draw attention to recent Chinese attacks in the vicinity of Tungchen aimed at strengthening Chinese defences along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

A recent arrival in Chungking from the Sintsang River front states that there have been several amusing incidents there during the Chinese and Japanese forces facing one another across the river.

The river is so narrow, he declares, that soldiers often wrote messages on pieces of paper, wrapped them over stones and then tossed them across the river.

Some messages enquired as to food and the general living conditions of soldiers on the other side.

FALL IN RIVER
The traveller expressed the opinion that the recent fall of the Sintsang River to Japanese crossing. When he passed the City, it was practically conditions were much better than they were after the Fall. —Reuter.

THREE LINES OF DEFENSE
Chungking, To-day.
Reviewing the Japanese drive on Changsha the Chinese military spokesmen pointed out that the Japanese force on the city in three main body is strictly along the Canton-Hankow Railway. The second column, the south-eastern shore of Lake is moving to threaten the Chinese column is pushing to along the main highway.

FRENCH ACT TO COL

M. Charles Boyer, actor of Hollywood fame, serving his country in the front, it was announced. Most of France's actors are fighting, among them being M. Jean Gabin, who holds the Marine Corps; M. Jean-Pierre Aumont, Raymond, and Jean-Pierre Aumont.

Miss Lawrence, resident of Shan Road, has repaid money and crockery from her residence at 2 a.m. Entrance was window.

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A COLD-

BUT-MAGGIE-
DARLIN'- ME
COLD ISN'T
BAD ENOUGH
TO BE PUT
TO BED-

YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BED

TOO LATE

Boy Scouts usually serve as "casualties" in the various tests of home defence throughout the country, writes a Manchester "Guardian" correspondent.

In one town during recent blackout many Boy Scouts were scattered in prostrate positions through the darkened streets, ready to be put into splints and carried off in ambulances by efficient nurses.

But when one party of V.A.D.'s, who had been delayed, reached the spot where their last casualty should have been lying, all they found was a piece of paper on which was written:—"Have bled to death and gone home."

BRITISH SHIP EVADES U-BOAT

London, Sept. 20.

A British steamer, the name of which is not disclosed avoided being sunk by a German submarine, the Ministry of Information announced to-day.

The officer on the deck saw the submarine coming up to the surface. He gave the alarm immediately. The submarine fired a shot which fell close to the starboard bow and then a second shot falling within a hundred yards.

The master promptly altered the course of the ship and began to evade, ordering his men to take cover. He thus compelled the submarine to give chase. He managed to increase the distance between his ship and the attacker to about 3,300 yards, gathering speed. The attacker followed for a while. He soon gave up the chase however and disappeared.—Havas.

POLISH REFUGEES SENT TO STOCKHOLM

Riga, Sept. 20.

Polish refugees crossing the borders into the Baltic States are being dealt with by the Polish legations which are proceeding to the evacuation of women and children to Stockholm, it was reported semi-officially here to-day.

It is believed that from Stockholm these refugees will be directed to the Western European States.—Havas.

RADIO STATION IN NATHAN ROAD RAIDED

Seven Shanghai Chinese were brought before Mr. E. Himsworth, Kowloon Magistracy, this morning charged with illegally maintaining a radio communications station without a Government licence at 771 Nathan Road, 1st floor.

They were remanded for 48 hours; no bail was granted. Mr. D. W. Waterton, of the Government Radio office, is in charge of the case.

By George McManus



RIBBENTROP OFF TO MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is arriving to-day at the invitation of the Soviet Government to discuss problems in connection with developments in Poland.

It is believed that Ribbentrop's visit is concerned with the final settlement of the question of creating a buffer state of Poland.

It is understood that Ribbentrop will fly in Der Fuehrer's private aeroplane, as on the occasion of his first visit last month.—Reuter.

AT MOSCOW'S INVITATION

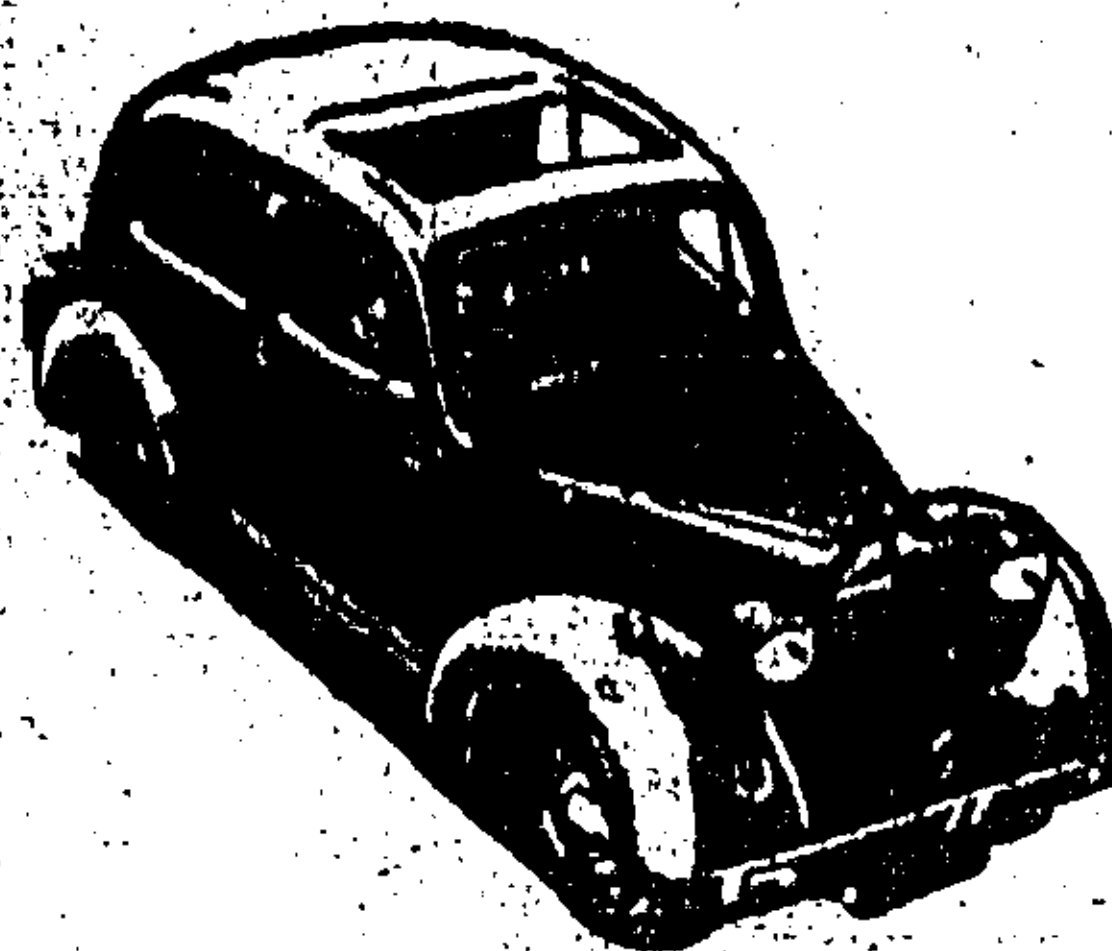
Moscow, To-day.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, has been invited to Moscow "to discuss the future of Poland."

He will arrive here to-day (Wednesday).—Reuter.

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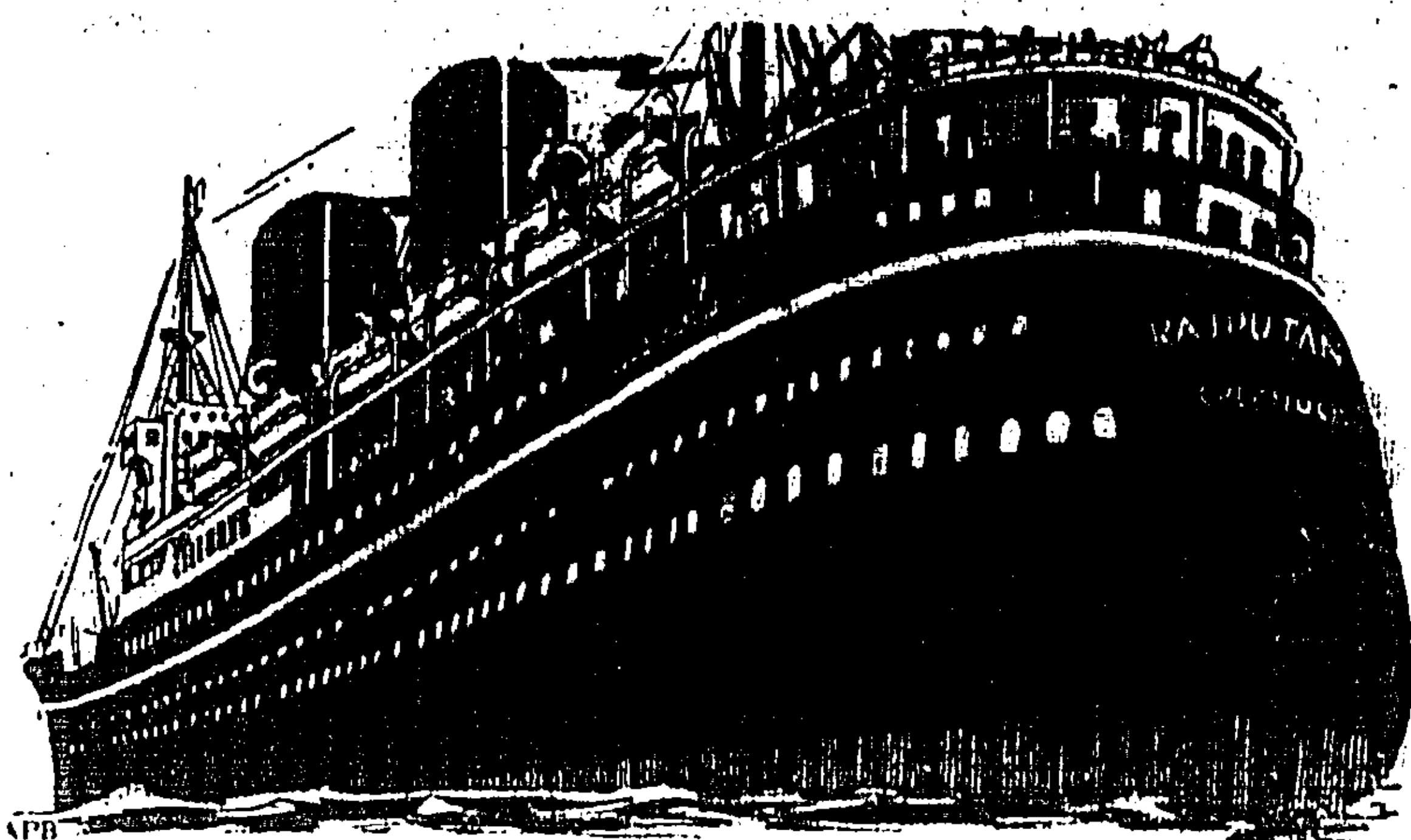


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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 20th Sept.	Sept.	27.
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Straits	September	27.
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Manila	September	27.
Shanghai	September	27.
Haiphong	September	27.
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Java and Manila	September	27.
Shanghai	September	28.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	September	28.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 2nd Sept.)	September	28.
Straits	September	28.
Shanghai	September	28.
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Shanghai	September	28.
Canton	September	29.
Japan	September	29.
Straits	September	30.
Straits and Manila	September	30.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
WEDNESDAY		
Manila		Sept. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Wed.,	Sept. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" — due Paris, 6th. October.	Reg., ... Wed., Ord., ... Wed.,	Sept. 27, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 27, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg., ... Wed., Ord., ... Wed.,	Sept. 27, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 27, 7.00 p.m.
Straits		Sept. 27, 7.00 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 4th October.	Reg., ... Wed., Ord., ... Wed.,	Sept. 27, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg., ... Wed., Ord., ... Thur.,	Sept. 27, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 28, 7.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Thur.,	Sept. 28, 2.00 p.m.
Sandakan	Thur.,	Sept. 28, 3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Amoy		Sept. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai ((Parcels only)		Sept. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Tourane		Sept. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central ad South America, Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 18th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par., ... Reg., ... Ord., ...	Sept. 28, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 29, 9.15 a.m. Sept. 29, 10.00 a.m.
Haiphong.		Sept. 29, 1.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th October.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par., ... Reg., ... Ord., ...	Sept. 29, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 30, 8.45 a.m. Sept. 30, 9.30 a.m.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.		Sept. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Dairen		Sept. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon		Sept. 30, 1.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Haiphong		Sept. 30, 2.00 p.m.
Haiphong		Sept. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai		
G.P.O. & K.P.O.		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 8th October.	Reg., ... Ord., ...	Sept. 30, 5.00 p.m. Sept. 30, 5.30 p.m.

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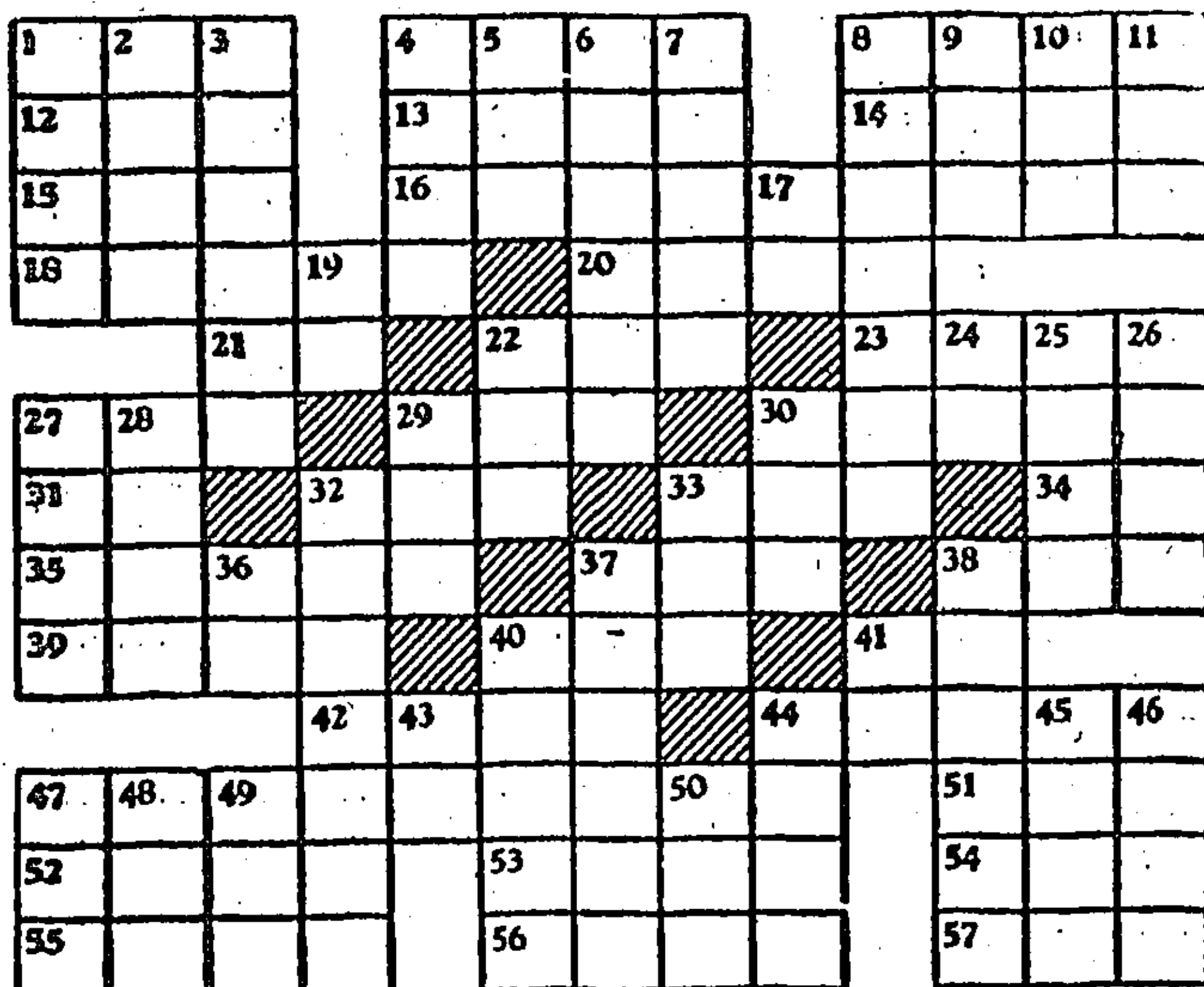
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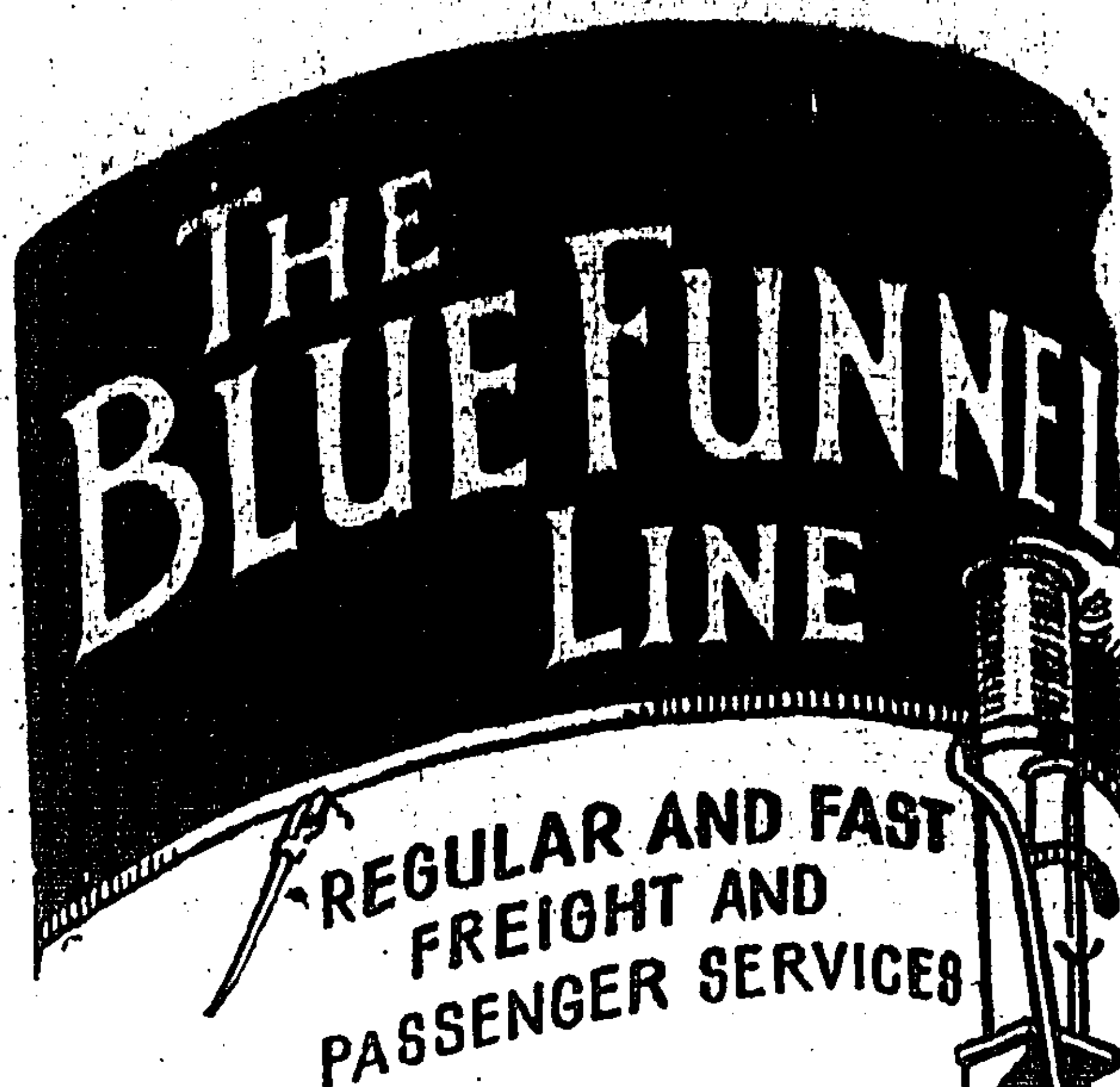
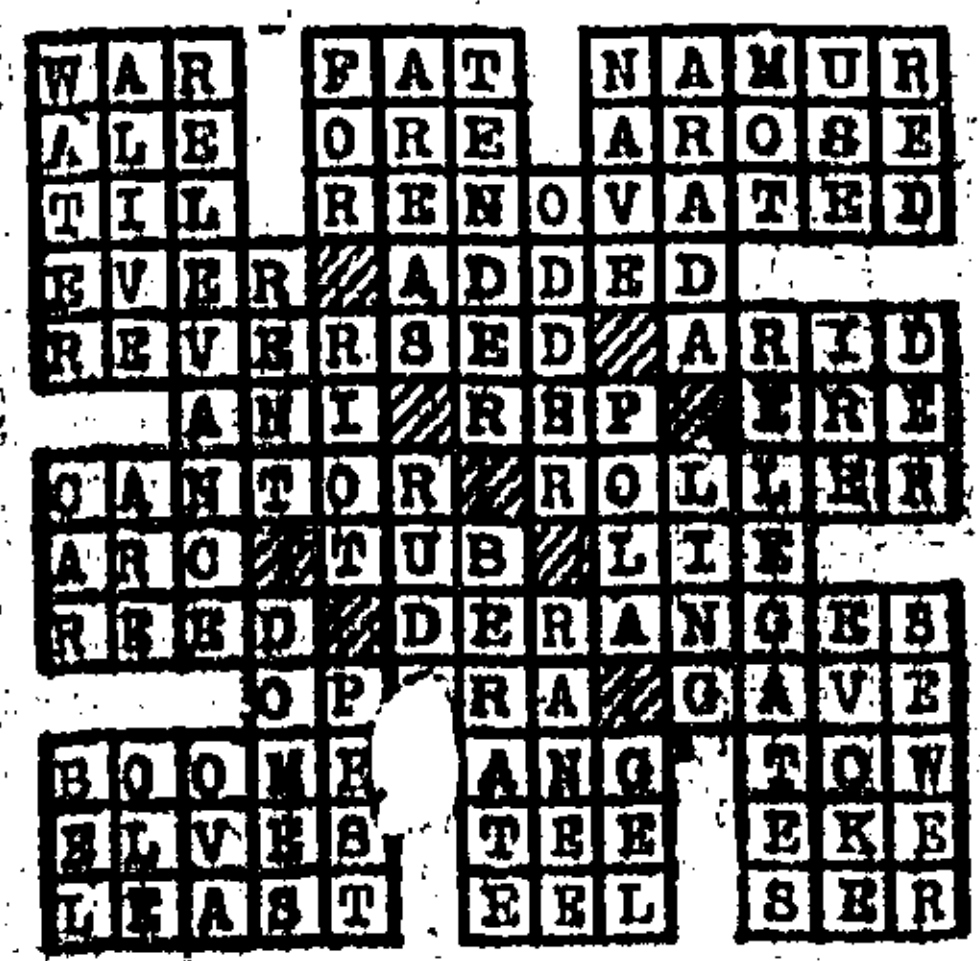
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Auxillary verb
- 4 Under-garment
- 8 Rents
- 12 Moslem name
- 13 Docile
- 14 Melody
- 15 Aries constellation
- 16 Soothing
- 18 Musician
- 20 Macaws
- 21 Note of scale
- 22 Vetch
- 23 Greek letter
- 27 Poem
- 29 To strike
- 30 Purport
- 31 Italian article
- 32 Dog
- 33 Dance
- 34 Sacred word
- 35 Stupid person
- 37 Taste
- 38 Insect
- 39 Hammer head
- 40 Encountered
- 41 Greek letter
- 42 Levantine ship

VERTICAL

- 1 Stringed instrument
- 2 Turkestan regiment
- 3 Intelligibly
- 4 Celestial body
- 5 To drink
- 6 To bestow
- 7 Looks curiously
- 8 Young women
- 9 Worm
- 10 Metal
- 11 To sink
- 17 Cooled lava
- 19 Babylonian god
- 22 Head
- 24 Concerning
- 25 Simple mechanism
- 26 Host
- 27 Halt
- 28 Medicinal plant
- 29 Biscuit
- 30 Soft knock
- 32 To associate
- 33 Hole
- 36 Musical note
- 37 Safe
- 38 Of no avail
- 40 Bishop's hat
- 41 Japanese drama
- 43 While
- 44 Headland
- 45 In any case
- 46 Norse myth
- 47 Pronoun
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- 50 Land measure

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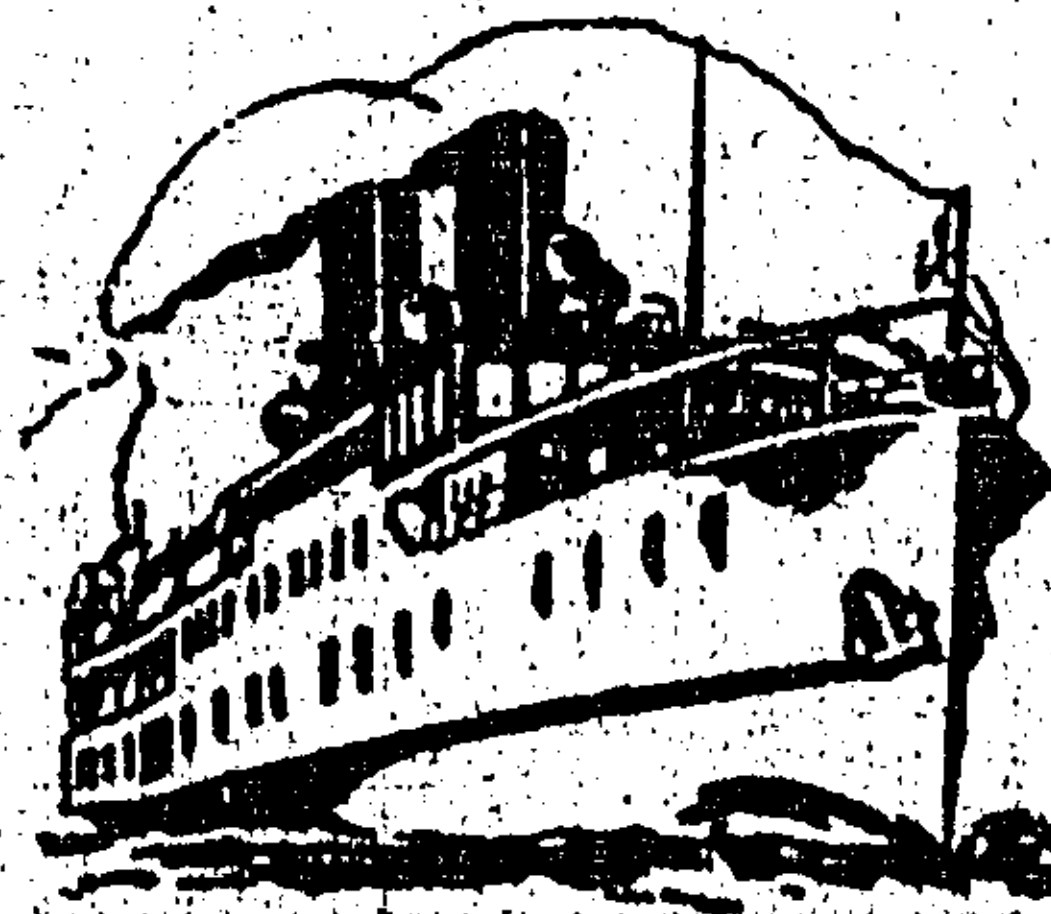
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Yesterday's maximum temperature was 81 degrees, falling to 75 during the night. At 10 a.m. to-day, the thermometer stood at 77 degrees.

A quarter of an inch of rain in the last 24 hours took the year's total past the 80 inches mark.

The Royal Observatory's report states that a ridge of high pressure extends from Central China to Korea and the bonin islands.

A trough of low pressure extends from Thai, across North Luzon, to the Mariana Islands.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.

London Silver was quoted yesterday at 23-1/2 for Spot and 23-1/2 for forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.02. The New York on London rate was £-U.S.\$400-1/2.

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LOCAL SHARES

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Mine Operation Ps. .08 3/4 sa.

AN ACTION BY MR. DENIS VICTOR, of the Lido Dance Hall, against Miss M. Souza a dancer now employed at the Majestic Dance Hall, for recovery of \$110, alleged to be money advanced and covered by I.O.U.'s opened at the Summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada was for plaintiff, and Mr. M. A. Silva for defendant.

Mr. Victor, in evidence, said he was proprietor of the Lido Dance Hall and was in the habit of advancing money to hostesses during the month. These amounts were covered by I.O.U.'s and were deducted on pay night.

Sometimes, for good reasons, the loans were not deducted but were carried forward.

Defendant had been one of the girls employed by him. During March and April he advanced money to her.

On May 11, she did not turn up and a message was sent stating that she was sick. On May 13, a Mrs. Britto brought a letter and some dance tickets. The messenger told him that Miss Souza was sick and asked witness not to deduct anything this time adding that when she was better she would be returning to work.

He stated that there were three notes amounting to \$110 owing by Miss Souza. The letter was in pencil and he did not read it all. The latter part of the letter might have referred to notice.

On May 16, it came to his notice that she was working at the Majestic. He tried to get in touch with her by phone but was unsuccessful, and, after several attempts, he instructed his solicitors to write a letter of demand. Later the writ was issued. No payment had been made yet.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, witness admitted that, at one time, he was very friendly with defendant. She had, in fact, done him a considerable favour in respect of a girl named Lola Koo. He denied that Lola Koo had been his mistress. He admitted that she had run away with some money that had been borrowed in advance. He did not report it to the Police. He denied that he sent Miss Souza to Macao with a message asking her to return. Miss Souza was going to Macao and he asked her to do him the favour.

Lola Koo returned and was now engaged in selling tickets. To show his gratitude, he had given defendant \$120 as a present; \$50 was for the expenses to Macao, \$40 in cash, and \$30 in dance tickets.

He denied having given her another \$120 in cash or that when he discovered that she had joined the Majestic, he had asked for return of the \$120 which he had given as a gift.

He denied telling a Mrs. Rew that he would sue Miss Souza for the money and put her in jail.

He did not recall telling Mrs. Rew that Miss Souza had enticed five or six of his girls to the Majestic or that defendant was getting \$25 from Charlie for each girl she introduced from the Lido.

The delay in bringing the case to court was through a desire to have the matter settled outside.

Mr. Silva criticised the way his books were kept, and suggested that it was only recently, since the case was coming up, that he had returned I.O.U.'s to the girls. This witness denied.

The remainder of the morning was spent on questions concerning erasures and alterations of amounts in the books in respect of amounts paid to Miss Souza.

The case is proceeding.

BLIND GIRLS' OUTING

Sir,—May I express sincere thanks to all those who so kindly contributed to the success of the thirteenth annual outing of the Blind Girls, which took place on Saturday. Despite anxious times, the response to our appeal has been most generous, so that, in addition to the outing, and various gifts to each of the 55 girls, we shall be able to provide them with a dinner; the balance of the funds to go towards purchasing clothing and small extras for their New Year.

Since our last acknowledgment of the sum of \$194 we have received the following further donations:—

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Andrew Cheung	5
F. Dreyer	5
Margaret Fincher	1
Mr. and Mrs. Griggs	10
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Our grateful thanks are also due to the Flying Squad who acted as escort, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Dr. & Mrs. T. Y. Li, Mr. G. D. Woolgar, The Shek-O Club, The Kowloon Confectionery, On Lok Yuen, and others for services rendered.

We also wish to express our appreciation to the Press for the Press for the publicity afforded to our appeal, and in conclusion, would like to think all those who so kindly assisted at the outing.

Yours truly,
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DANISH KING'S BIRTHDAY

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK CELEBRATED HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY.

Early in the morning, hundreds of children called at the Castle where the King is staying and presented flowers and messages of greeting.

King Christian, whose health is better, is expected to be up in a few days.
—Reuter.

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SOVIET EMBASSY UNDER FIRE

(Our Own Correspondent)

(By Telegraph. Received, Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.)

Moscow, To-day.

The staff of the Soviet Embassy are now safe, having come through the fighting lines at Warsaw.

The Soviet Embassy had been hit repeatedly by German artillery fire, and for the last three days, the Embassy staff had been compelled to keep to their refuge in the cellar.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. CUTS WAR RISK RATE ON BRITISH SHIPS

New York, Sept. 22.

The impression that the British convey system is operating more smoothly is reflected in the reduction of war insurance rates accepted by American companies.

The rate for cargo transported on vessels of belligerent nations for and from British ports has been reduced from seven to six per cent. For cargoes leaving Britain on American ships the rate has been fixed at 1.50 for \$100 as against \$2, quoted by British concerns. The rate of \$2.50 for \$100 quoted on cargoes transported to Britain on American vessels remains unchanged.—Havas.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

The Scottish League announces that football will be resumed in Scotland on October 14 on the basis of two regional leagues, each of 16 clubs.

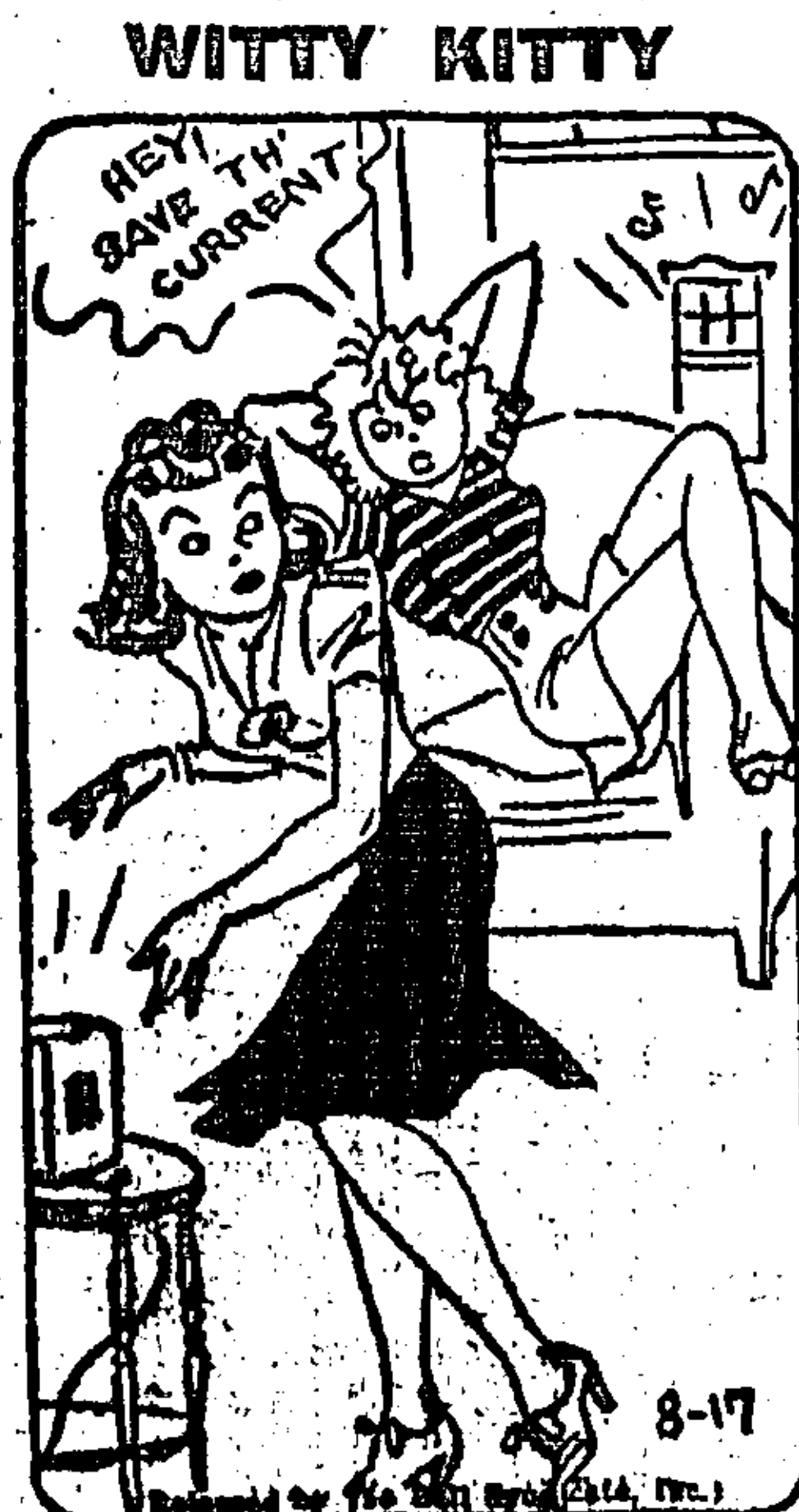
It is expected that an English regional plan of 7 groups will start the same day.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS NOT DEFINED

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon whether a new statement of Britain's war aims was to be issued, the Prime Minister said the Government did not propose to add at present to what had already been stated.—Reuter.

One case of cholera, one of typhoid, four of dysentery and nine of tuberculosis were notified to the Medical Department yesterday.



An optimist is he who thinks he gets a joyful earful from his neighbour's radio when its turned on full blast.

SLIGHTLY PREMATURE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the House of Commons yesterday if a special Ministry would be formed to plan employment for troops returning to civilian life from active service.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the establishment of such a ministry now was altogether premature.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS LAND AT SWATOW

Shiukwan, To-day.

One thousand fresh Japanese troops have arrived at Swatow, according to reports received here last night. The Japanese at Chao-An are experiencing a shortage of fresh vegetables.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHITOSE HOTEL REGISTER

A fine of \$50 was imposed on Chung Shum, 22, carpenter, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for possession of 45 counterfeit five-cent pieces.

Defendant said he won the money at a mahjong school in Wanchai, and did not know it was forged.

Det. Sergeant Cashman prosecuted.

ANOTHER BRUTAL ATTACK

Using hammers, three unknown men attacked Lai Wong, 37, about 9.45 a.m. to-day on Po Kong Road.

Lai was knocked unconscious and was picked up by a passing lorry which conveyed him to the Kowloon Hospital.

His condition is said to be critical.

FIRE STILL SMOULDERS

A COMMOTION OCCURRED EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN REFUGEE-SQUATTERS WERE SEEN FLEEING TO THE HILLSIDE NEAR THE KENNEDY TOWN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Smoke coming out from partly burnt out logs of wood in the store yard which was destroyed by fire on Monday, was the cause.

Coolies were called and with a few buckets of water extinguished the smouldering heap.

NO LICENCE

Charged with possession of a pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition without a licence, To Ching-tin, 30, was this morning remanded for three days by Mr. H. Himsforth.

It is learned that A.S.P. Thompson and Chief Detective Inspector Carey conducted search at accused's flat, No. 712, Nathan Road, top floor, this morning.

COUNTERFEIT COIN FINE

The manager of the Chitose Hotel, at No. 6, Hau Fung Lane, Wanchai, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, for failing to make a correct return of guests to the Police.

The case was adjourned a week, owing to the absence of a Japanese interpreter.

A LAST WARNING

Shop-keepers carrying on business under staircases have been warned to remove to other proper and suitable premises by November 5 at the latest.

SOLDIERS IN COURT

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE BEFORE MR. R. A. D. FORREST THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH MALICIOUSLY DAMAGE TO A PUBLIC RICKSHA AND ASSAULT.

The accused were Cpl. Alexander Riddle, and Sapper George Swinburn, both of the Royal Engineers.

It was alleged that accused threw a public ricksha No. 56 into the harbour early this morning, and struck two watchmen and a street coolie who were near the scene of the incident.

Hearing was fixed for October 16, at 2.30 p.m.

Det. Sergt. T. Cashman is in charge of the case.

ALLEGED HOTEL THIEVES

"We believe they are 'hotel' thieves whose method is stealing by renting a room in a hotel and entering others while the occupants are out," said Inspector A. Wright prosecuting three Chinese for breach of the Deportation Ordinance before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Accused, Chow Sui-wing, Ng Lai-po and Li Sui, were each given 12 months' hard labour for returning to the Colony while under banishment.

They were arrested, on information, in room No. 415, Chung Ah Boarding House, Nathan Road, last night.

In the Shaukiwan murder trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, Wong Yin and Tang Loi were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. Chan Lam and Wong Kee-shan, charged with them, were acquitted. The Jury made a recommendation for mercy in the case of Tang Loi.

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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1939.
12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dellus—"Brigg Fair" Suite. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Toye.
12.49 p.m.—Two Songs by Percy Manchester (Tenor).
12.54 p.m.—A Russian Medley by the Russian Vagabonds.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety with Billy Mayerl, Gracie Fields, and Arthur Askey.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Timber; Goodnight, My Love (film "Stowaway").... Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
Six-Eight—Andalusia; Comedy Waltz—I'm Popeye, The Sailor-

man (from "Popeye the Sailor").... Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band.
Fox-Trots—Everybody Dance (from the film); My, What A Different Night (film "Everybody Dance").... Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.
Six-Eight—Sarah, The Sergeant Major's Daughter Fox-Trot—Supposing.... Max Murray and His Music Makers.
Fox-Trots—A Star Fell Out Of Heaven; Did I Remember? (film "Suzy").... Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Rehearsing A Lullaby; Raisins and Almonds.... Phil Green and His Rhythm.
Fox-Trots—Sing, Sing, Sing; Harlem.... Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

(Organ).
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Les Sylphides—Ballet Music (Chopin).... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.
Sylvia Ballet (Delibes).... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Efreim Kurtz.
Eugen Onegin—Polonaise (Tchaikovsky).... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Prof. Robert Heger.
Aus Der Serenade, Op. 48 (Tchaikovsky).... Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

10 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Many a Joyous Night (from "Rossini in Naples"—Rossini).... with Vienna State Opera Orchestra.
Sympathy (film "Firefly").
Sonja, I Love You (from "The Singing Dream").
You Mean The World To Me (from "The Singing Dream").

10.13 p.m.—Dance Music and Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
Fox-Trot—My Little Buckaroo (film "Strange Laws"); Tango Fox-Trot—Don't Play With Fire.... Bert Firman and His Orchestra.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 5. Intro: When I grow too old to dream; The Bridal Waltz; One Night of Love; My Dance; In The Merry Month of May; The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes.... Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Fox-Trots—One, Two, Button Your Shoe (film "Pennies from Heaven"); Pennies from Heaven (from the film).... Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Piano Medley No. R. 19. Intro: Sweetheart let's grow old together; Lovely Lady; At the close of a long, long day.... Charlie Kunz at the Piano with Rhythm accomp.

Cuban Dance—La Comparsa; Rumba—Bellita.... Don Barreto and His Cuban Orchestra.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 20. Intro: Robins and Roses; Laughing Irish Eyes; A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody; Would You? It's a Sin to Tell a Lie; The Whistling Waltz.... Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Comedy Fox-Trot—Little Audrey.... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

Quickstep—Around and Round the Old Bandstand; Fox-Trot—Until Tomorrow.... Sydney Linton and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♠ 6
♥ K 8 6 5 4
♦ A K Q 6 3 2
♣ 4
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 3
♦ J 10 7
♣ Q 8 6 5 3
♠ A K 7 5
♥ 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ A K 9 7
♠ 8 2
♥ A Q J 10 9
♦ 9 5 4
♣ J 10 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

The fact that you know you can make game or even five-odd in hearts yourself is of little value if the opponents at the same time can make five spades against you. However, in today's hand North managed to convince the opponents that he was defending desperately—not bidding something he was sure could be made.

South's two-heart overall was slightly under a normal minimum if anything, and West's raise to two spades was not particularly good. Now North, looking at his tremendous hand, realized that he and his partner could make five hearts easily. At the same time it was apparent to him that the opponents held both black Ace and that his side could not expect to make as many spades as his side could make hearts. Accordingly, he made the brilliant bid of "Pass" at the same time holding his breath, for fear that East would also pass. However, East's hand was entirely too strong, and he jumped to four spades. Then when the bidding came around to North, he went to five hearts.

East, with his two Ace-Kings, doubled like a shot. It looked like a good set. While West with his hand suspected that the penalty would not be much, at the same time he did not like to go on to five spades with only two Queens.

The Queen of spades was opened. East overtook and cashed the King of clubs, whereupon Declarer spread his hand for the balance of the tricks, making five-odd doubled. If North had not trapped the opponents, East and West would undoubtedly have bid five spades, and North would have been forced to really sacrifice at six hearts. As it was, he had stolen the game.

You were the dealer yesterday. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

♠ A
♥ A X X
♦ X X
♣ A K X X X X

What do you bid?

ANSWER: Your correct opening bid is one club. A great many players have the bad habit of opening such a hand with three clubs. If the opponents really have a good spade or diamond hand, a three-club bid in this situation will not shut them out. Contrariwise, if your partner has a good hand, the three-club bid is likely to cost you a Slam.

Score 100% for one club, 40% for three clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 216

You are vulnerable and have part score of 40. You are the dealer and hold.

♠ K 3 8
♥ A K Q J 5 8
♦ A
♣ K 4 4

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
The Turkish Patrol (Michaelis); The Smithy In The Wood (Michaelis); "The Beggar's Opera"—Selection (Gay-Austin).
8.18 p.m.—Compositions of Purcell.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Some Great Poets"—I: Chaucer. The first of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.
9 p.m.—Purcell—A Trumpet Voluntary (For Brass and Organ). Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra with Alex. Harris (Solo Trumpet) and Harold Dawber



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Saturday's Race Meeting Reviewed

Brilliant sunshine favoured the re-opening of racing at the Valley last Saturday, when Hong Kong Jockey Club held their 7th. Extra Meeting in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Northcote, arrived just before the second race, and in the next race Lady Northcote had the satisfaction of watching her colours flash past the post for the first time when Devonian, ably ridden by Mr. D. Black, secured a well-deserved win.

Honours among the jockeys went to Mr. A. W. Raymond, with two wins, a second and a third in eight races, followed by Mr. D. Black, with two wins and a second, and Mr. H. J. A. Hearne, with two wins and a third.

The programme opened with only three starters for the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate, over 1-1/4 miles, in which King Kong (Mr. Raymond), as was expected, took the lion's share in the betting. On the rise of the barrier Some Hope (Mr. Encarnacao) shot out in front followed by This Time (Mr. Tao), with King Kong four lengths behind. It was not until the mile post was reached that King Kong asserted itself. It gradually moved away from the other two ponies and romped home to win by many lengths with another four lengths separating This Time from Some Hope.

MINOR UPSET

The next event, Tweed Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "B" Class China ponies from the 1-1/2 Mile-Post, resulted in a minor upset. Carrying 160 lbs. Blue Express (Mr. C. Encarnacao) was made favourite with Hectic View (Mr. H. C. Pih) next, and once again a belated start was responsible for their downfall. Eve of Heaven (Mr. Hearne) was out of the gate in a flash with Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) many lengths behind, followed by Expansion Time (Mr. Tao), Humdrum Eve (Mr. Fung) and the rest in a procession. Eve of Heaven was too far in front after rounding the bend, and, despite Mr. Proulx's effort on Jennifer, he could make no headway and had to admit defeat by six lengths. In the meantime a very interesting duel was being fought for third position, Hectic View, which suffered from a bad start coming up strongly over the last 100 yards to challenge Humdrum Eve, but without avail, as Humdrum Eve just managed to pass the post a neck in front to pay a handsome dividend.

The third race, Vacluse Handicap, for "B" Class Australian ponies, saw Lady Northcote's Devonian record its first win

at the Valley. In my previous notes, I recommended bearing Devonian in mind, as it had been very lightly treated and had done well at the morning gallops. Devonian won without being unduly extended and paid the second highest win dividend of the day.

WON AT START

The race was, in fact won at the very start, as immediately on the release of the barrier, Devonian jumped out to take the lead, with Aztec and Crifol in close attendance. On nearing the football stand Mr. Black took no chances and took a bigger lead, which he maintained to the end. Crifol (Mr. Needa), favourite, after trailing second all the way, was overhauled by Tornado Star (Mr. S. W. Pan) near the mile post and had to be satisfied with third position. It will be of interest to note that Devonian completed the circuit in the fast time of 1.44.4, two-fifths of a second outside Strathroy's track record.

In the fourth race, Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "C" Class China ponies, over one mile, it came as a surprise to see Pinfarthings take the lion's share of the betting, followed to a lesser extent by Galveston Bay and Rose Evelyn. As expected, Mr. Fung sent Musketeer into the lead, which it maintained for half a mile of the journey, but it faded out of the picture after being overhauled by Pinfarthings. The latter pony's lead, however, was short-lived as it in turn was also beaten, with Galveston Bay and Rose Evelyn coming through well in the home stretch. These two ponies fought out the finish with Rose Evelyn getting the better of the argument by two lengths. Pinfarthings staged a comeback to secure third place, another half length behind.

MR. BLACK AGAIN

The fifth race, Tweed Island Bay Handicap (second section), which was a sprint event, provided Mr. Black with his second win. This was also the first leg of the "Daily Double," the betting on which was quite brisk.

On the rise of the barrier Oak Bay (Mr. Proulx) shot out in front, followed by Peaceful View half a length behind. Avon, ultimate winner, kept nicely behind and only after rounding the bend did it go to the front, and despite all Mr. Proulx's efforts on Oak Bay he could make no impression on Avon and had to be content with second position. Gladiator came through with a fine burst of speed to take third position.

The sixth race, Gosford Handicap, for "C" Class Australian ponies over a mile, provided yet another upset. A Great Time (Mr. Needa) was again made a hot favourite, but it let its backers down badly.

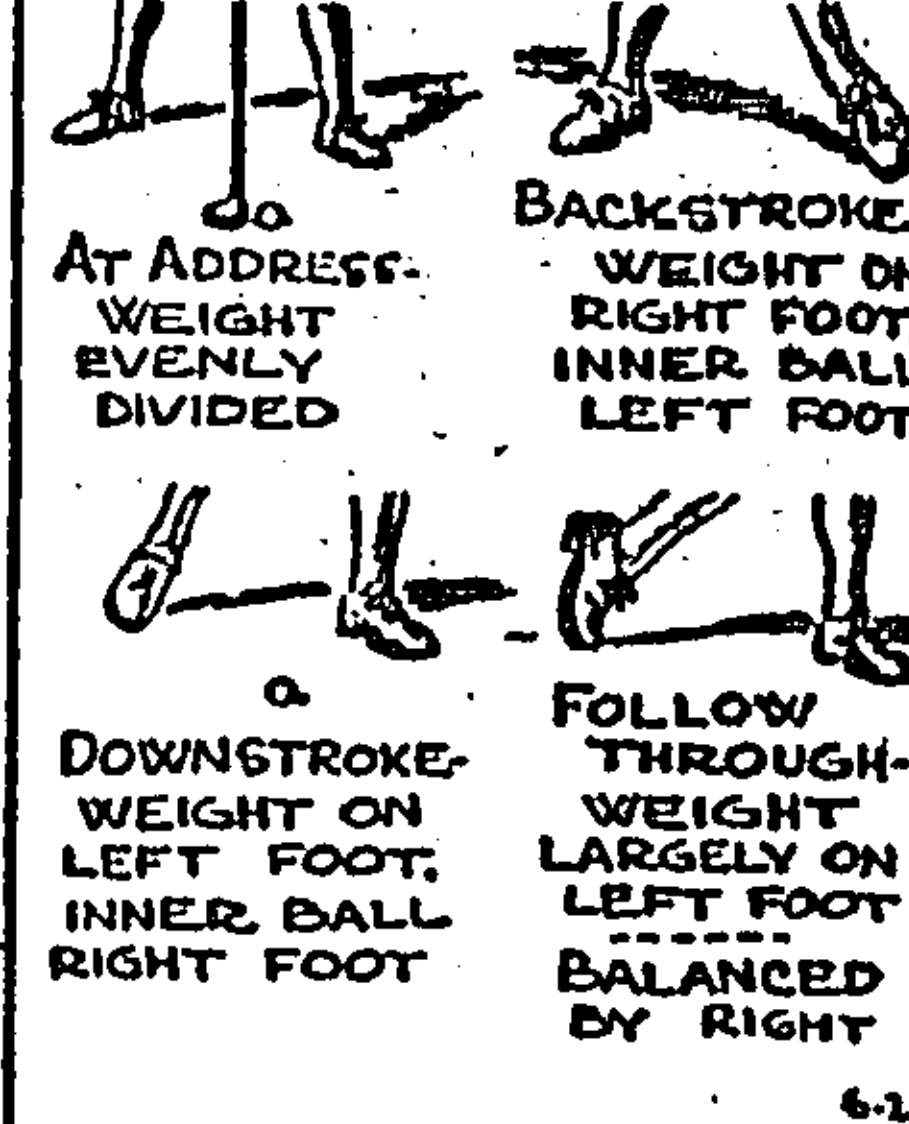
A Great Time took up the running from the start and, having established a commanding lead, I really thought it was going to win, but it was unable to last. In the meantime Stratherrick (Mr. Pih) was

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Perfecting A Golf Stroke

GRAPHIC GOLF

FOOT ACTION IN GOLF SWING



By BEST BALL

Joyce Wethered possessed one of the most flawless of golf swings, when she was the reigning queen of the women golfers. At least that was the opinion of Bobby Jones, whose own swing was a picture of masculine grace and smoothness. Miss Wethered perfected her stroke by constant pivoting in practice, with and without a club. The procedure was a simple matter of imitating the body turn of the correct golf stroke, a matter which many golfers do not find so simple however.

The fact that Miss Wethered persisted in her efforts along orthodox fundamental lines soon made her muscles, memory perfect in the role. Her actual stroke in competition was certain, true and efficient. While it is a little far fetched to expect every golfer to emulate the former British champion's grace and performance, much can be accomplished by applying the same practice tactics to one's own stroke. Concentrate on the foot action as illustrated above and you will find your body coordinating to the proper golf movement sequence. A club isn't always necessary, the pivot can be made without it, but perhaps it is necessary to subject ourselves to the punishment of an imaginary club to make us practice in this fashion:

Friday.—Position of Hands.

satisfied to lie second but when within striking distance it came up strongly over the last quarter to pass A Great Time near the Public Stand and win by four lengths. Incidentally, it paid the highest dividend of the day, and also recorded its first win at the Valley. Amber II (Mr. Ip), which was not considered to have a chance in this race came up surprisingly well to take third position, and paid its place-backers \$67.90.

MR. HEARNE'S WIN

The seventh race, Clear Water Bay Handicap, over the 1-1/2 Mile-Post, resulted in another triumph for Mr. Hearne.

Kut Cheung (Mr. Raymond) jumped out in front, but was soon overhauled by Bressay (Mr. Hearne) near the half mile post and, after getting in front, its run home was unopposed. There was, however, a keen struggle for second position between Kut Cheung and West Lake (Mr. Ip), the result being a dead-heat.

Those who made the right connection on Bressay in the "Double" were rewarded with a dividend of \$136.20.

The eighth race, Junk Bay Handicap for "D" Class China ponies, was confined to Novice Jockeys, and it had a rather tame finish. Zero (Mr. Haymes) had a clear lead most of the way until it reached the home stretch, when Mr. K. I. Ip received a ready response from Sunlight View and won comfortably, with Zero taking second position. Gold Coin, which was hard pushed by Mr. Chiu, just managed to get the better of Clowner (Mr. Chattey) a few yards from the winning post.

LATE CHALLENGE

The final race of the day, Island Bay Handicap (Second Section) over the mile for "C" Class China ponies, gave Mr. Raymond his second win.

The race started with Blue Diamond forcing the pace from the start, with Forgotten Star (Mr. S. W. Pan) and Lancashire Boy (Mr. Ip) following behind. This position was maintained right up to the last quarter when Taxing Master (Mr. Tao), which was fourth all the way, began to move up to overhaul Lancashire Boy, then Forgotten Star and gradually crept up on Blue Diamond. Stride by stride these two ponies raced on towards the winning post and with a great effort Blue Diamond just got the better of Taxing Master by a short head. Had Mr. Tao taken up the challenge earlier in the race he would have probably reversed the decision.

SPORTS PARADE

THOUGH few Navy first class soccer referees have been registered for this season there are sufficient of last season's Army and Civilian officials to carry on with the First Division games each week.

In addition there are several new referees who have had considerable experience elsewhere who will be available when required.

Among the newcomers is H. S. Stokes of the Royal Naval Armament Depot who has been refereeing since 1922.

In 1920 he was placed on the list of the Football League, London Combination and the referee list of the Scottish Football Association in June 1937 and has officiated regularly in the Scottish League, Scottish Alliance, Scottish Cup and was the linesman at the Empire Exhibition cup final—Everton v Celtic at Ibrox in 1938.

ANOTHER new referee is C.S.M. Miniham who was promoted first class in 1936 and has officiated in big games in the Middlesex Association, the Hampshire and Wiltshire Association and the Army Football Association at Home.

OTHER first class referees available this season are Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, D. L. Adlam, E. C. Ford, W. H. Foster, W. D. Goss all of the Army, Messrs. R. M. Omar, K. K. Ip, D. Kossick, (all

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SIGNALS' AQUATIC MEETING

The Royal Corps of Signals held their annual swimming sports at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

The Aggregate Cup was won by the Wireless Section and at the conclusion of the gala Mrs. Simpson, wife of the Commanding Officer, distributed the prizes.

The following were the results.
Long Plunge:—1, Sig. Taylor (47 ft. 1 in.), 2, Sig. Bennett (44 ft. 9 1/2 ins.); 3, Sig. Thorley (43 ft. 2 ins.).
50 yards back-stroke:—1, Sig. Willis, 2, L/Cpl. McCavish.
Diving:—1, L/Cpl. Dignan (22 pts.); 2, L/Cpl. McCann (21 pts.); 3, Sig. Bevan (17 1/2 pts.).
50 yards breast-stroke:—1, L/Cpl. Bedford, 2, L/Cpl. Dignan, 3, Cpl. Nation.

Novelty Race:—1, L/Cpl. Hollands, 2, Sig. Parry.

Novices' 25 yards handicap:—1, L/Cpl. Hewer; 2, Sig. Carroll.

Old Soldiers' race:—1, Major Levett; 2, Sgt. Green; 3, Sgt. Major Field.

200 yards invitation relay:—1, Royal Scots (L/Cpl. Sutherland, Pte. McHugh, 2/Lt. Dunlop and Band Master Jordan); 2, 5th A.A. Regt. (Gnr. Robinson, Gnr. Vasco, Gnr. Gibbin and Gnr. Lear); 3, Middlesex Regt. (Pte. Binden, L/Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Cordery and L/Cpl. Mills); 4, Royal Army Service Corps (S/Sgt. Sidner, Cpl. Martin, Dvr. Logan and Dvr. Richards).

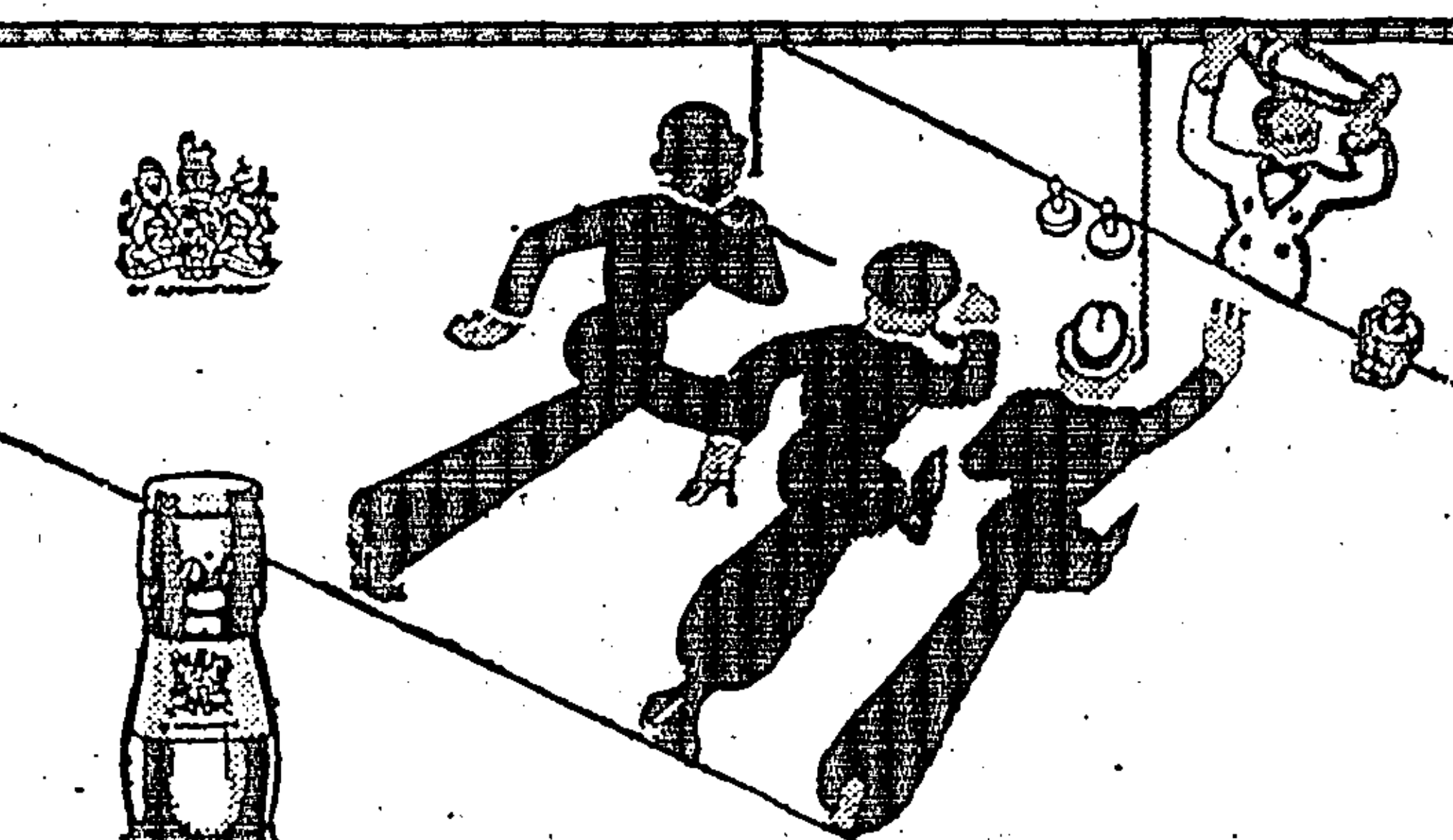
100 yards inter-mess relay:—1, Men (Sig. Morgan, Sig. Bennett, Sig. Allen and Sig. Willis); 2, Corporals, L/Cpl. Dignan, L/Cpl. McCann, L/Cpl. Bedford and Cpl. Ashford); 3, Sergeants (Sgt. Langley, Sgt. Green, C.Q.M.S. Bucke and Sgt. Major Field); 4, Officers (Major Levett, Capt. Mountford, Capt. Whatman and Lt. Gracey).

50 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Dignan; 2, Sig. Bennett and Sig. Allen (dead-heat).

Obstacle race:—1, Sig. Parry; 2, L/Cpl. Hollands; 3, L/Cpl. Tomlinson.

Inter-Section relay:—1, Wireless (L/Cpl. Dignan, Sig. Allen, Sig. Bennett and Sig. Willis); 2, Linesmen (Sig. Thorley, L/Cpl. Truscott, Sig. Morgan and Sgt. Green); 3, Mobile (Cpl. Ashford, L/Cpl. Parry, Sig. Bevan and Sig. Taylor).

Aggregate cup:—1, Wireless 30 pts.; 2, Mobile 8 pts.; 3, Linesmen 5 pts.



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MRS. P. BLISS

Mrs. Phyllis Bliss Due Back Shortly

(By "ADREM")

ONE LADIES' HOCKEY TEAM which has no cause for worry with regard to the coming season is St. Andrew's Club.

With practically all of last season's team available and several very talented recruits, there is no reason why they should not finish up in an even better position this year than the runners-up berth which they occupied at the conclusion of the last season.

SHEK-O GOLF

Result of the Summer Electric Competition held by the Shek O Club is as follows:—

1. Lt.-Colonel H. B. Rose, 52-2½ = 50½
 2. Lt.-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, 52-0 = 52
 3. Lt.-Colonel H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 59-5 = 54
 4. Dr. C. H. Burton, 58-2 = 56
- The Competition was over 17 holes less half handicap.

Practice game of Hong Kong Hockey Club arranged for to-day has been postponed to next Wednesday.

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A great deal, however, depends upon circumstances. Mrs. Phyllis Bliss (Phyllis Gittins) is on leave in the United Kingdom and under normal circumstances would have been back next month. There is more than a likelihood now that the Nazi's U-boat campaign may prevent her returning for some months.

SEVERE LOSS

Most serious loss sustained by the Saints is the departure of Miss P. Petigura, former Shanghai Interport half-back, for Shanghai. This fact, however, solves rather than complicates the half-back line-up problem.

With the talent so far available for half-back berths, biggest problem would have been who to omit.

Miss Beatrice Greaves, Interport reserve in the last series in the North, has now left school and must be an automatic selection for left-half, while Miss Stella West, who has been away for the last two seasons, is now back and has signified her intention of again turning out.

With Miss Jessie Wong, as the pivot, and Miss Hilda Reid, also available, this department should be the strongest in the team.

It is unfortunate that Miss Peggy Lawson, formerly of the D. G. S., who made a very successful debut in the St. Andrew's senior team prior to going to Australia, has just been operated upon for appendicitis and will be unable to turn out for at least another six months.

If Mrs. Bliss is back in time, she will lead the attack. If she is not, selection of her successor will present great difficulties.

EVA CHURN FOR D. G. S.

Miss Eva Churn, last year's inside-right, will be playing for D. G. S., but Miss Florrie Wong, Miss Stella Roberts, Mrs. Adi Zimmern, Miss Tamara Jex, Miss Mabel Churn and Miss Betty Longbottom (a newcomer) are all, I understand, available, and provide enough material for potential goal-scoring.

I suggest that Miss Reid might also be brought into the attack in an inside position. She appears to me to be the half-back most capable of playing in the forward-line and it is obvious that all the four girls, already named, cannot play in their accustomed half-back position!

Last two lines of defence will be in the capable hands of Interport Miss Gertie White, and Miss Marine da Roza; and Miss June Hall, one of the best custodians in the Colony.

From the foregoing the Saints' potential strength will be readily appreciated and I shall be surprised if they finish outside the first three positions in the Caer Clark Cup Competition.

TALENT SUMMARISED

A summary of their talent is appended:— Goal-keepers:— Miss June Hall, Miss G. Darby, Miss Hazel O'Sullivan and Miss M. Ming (possibly); Full-Backs:— Miss G. White, Miss M. da Roza, Miss J. Broadbridge, Miss M. Newman;

Half-Backs:— Miss J. Wong, Miss Hilda Reid, Miss S. West, Miss B. Greaves, Mrs. Vessoona, Miss S. Arnold (from next month);

Forwards:— Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss F. Wong, Miss H. Reid, Miss S. Roberts, Mrs. A. Zimmern (possibly), Miss T. Jex, Miss Mabel Churn, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss P. Jeffries and Miss E. Bliss.

MEETING TO-MORROW

St. Andrew's will hold their meeting to-morrow, when a captain will be elected—probably Miss F. Wong pending the return of Mrs. Bliss—and practices arranged.

Their home fixtures will again be played on the C. B. A. ground.

SPORTS PARADE

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present on leave), Glover and Hooper of Royal Navy.

Several Civilians are taking the examination this season and among these are Lee Ping-tong, V. Costa, Coles and A. E. P. Guest.

WATCHING International Athletic

Club in a friendly soccer game against Eastern recently I formed the opinion that they would do extremely well in Third Division.

This was the first occasion that they had their regular side out and they made rings round the Second Division Eastern team, winning by 7 goals to 2. All their players have played in the League before and are youngsters who make a very fast side, with forwards who can shoot.

With S. Bux in goal, Aquino, at back and an intermediate line composed of Wilkinson, Fernandes and Remedios they should be able to hold any Third Division attack.

They are well served by two fast wingers in Tavares and Campos. The former played for St. Joseph's last year while the latter was the outstanding winger in the Liga Portuguesa team when they won the Third Division championship two seasons ago.

N. Delgado, who will lead the attack, was badly off form when I saw him play, and though he scored three goals, they were practically gifts, the work having been done by the inside men.

Rocha and A. Leonard are two good forwards who can shoot but are inclined to over-dribbling, a defect they would do well to remedy.

HONG KONG LADIES CONFIDENT

With most of last year's players available and strengthened by several newcomers Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club are looking forward with confidence to a very successful season.

They will be without the services of Miss R. Smith and Miss Simpson who have left the Colony, while Miss B. Pope their First Division and Interport pivot, will not be playing this season. The Reeve sisters are also doubtful starters.

Against this, however, Hong Kong Ladies have secured the services of seven new players.

REPUTED TO BE GOOD

Several have not been seen in action in the Colony yet but are reputed to be good.

Miss M. Smalley, the Caer Clark right winger, is at present away from the Colony but is expected back shortly, but Miss A. Purves, following her recent operation, may not be available till the end of the year.

Hong Kong Ladies are fortunate in having the services of practically all their Brawn Cup players and though several may be required to fill any vacancies that may arise in the first team, they should still be able to field a side strong enough to win the competition.

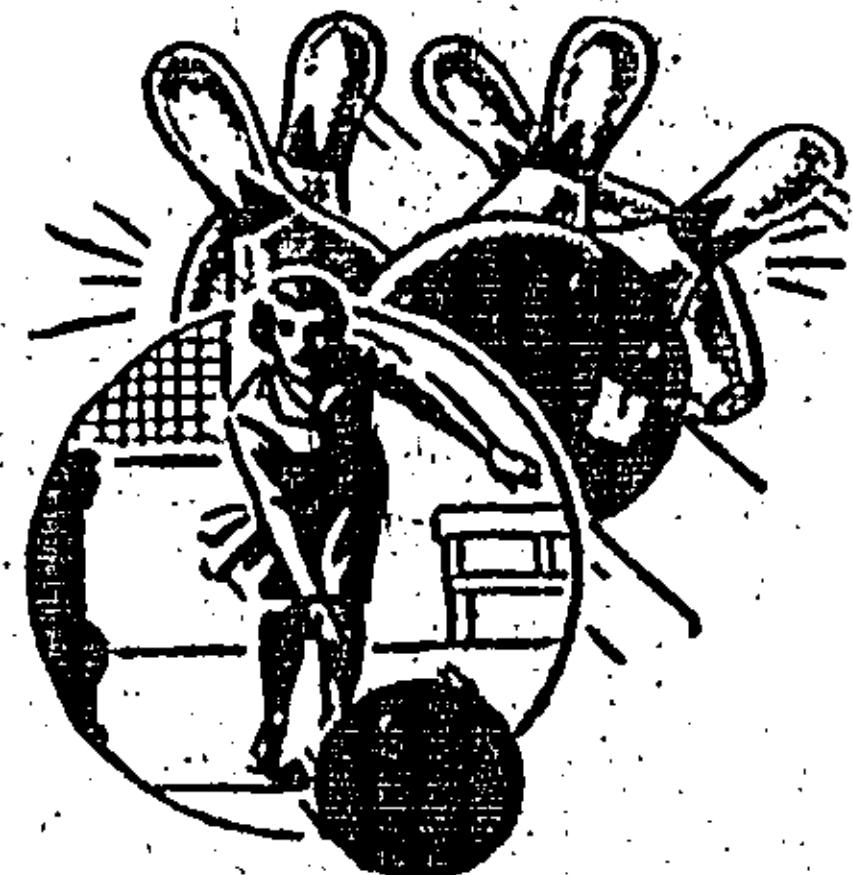
Last season the junior title evaded them by one point after they had kept on the heels of Recreio ladies up to their last match.

At the annual meeting held recently Miss N. Quin was appointed Hon. Secretary with Miss Grace Swan Assistant Hon. Secretary. The senior team will be captained by Miss Jean Grieg, the interporter.

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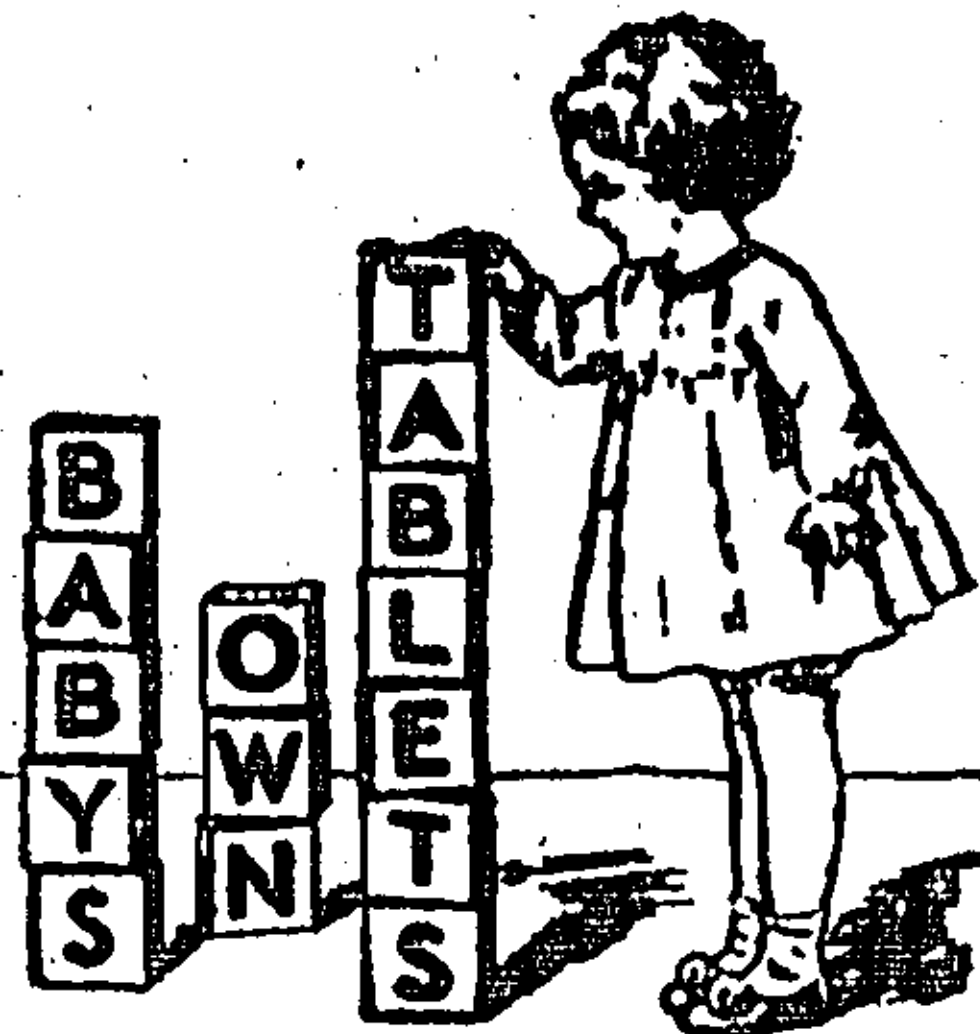
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GERMAN AIRCRAFT DEFECTS

(Our Own Correspondent)
(By Telegraph. Received,
Sept. 27, 2.10 p.m.)

Amsterdam, To-day.

Travellers from Germany declare that German Air officers are complaining bitterly about their machines.

Reports to this effect, which are circulating in Berlin, state that all the airmen back from Poland have been complaining that their machines are showing serious defects.

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FRENCH CLOSE IN ON SIEGFRIED LINE

Paris, To-day.

For the first time, French advance troops are now in contact with the main system of pillboxes in the Siegfried Line.

Strong German reinforcements from Poland have been concentrated in the region of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) and the Black Forest.

There was heavy loss of life in the Siegfried Line forts yesterday in the French artillery bombardment.—Reuter.

BELGIAN BRIDGE BLOWN UP

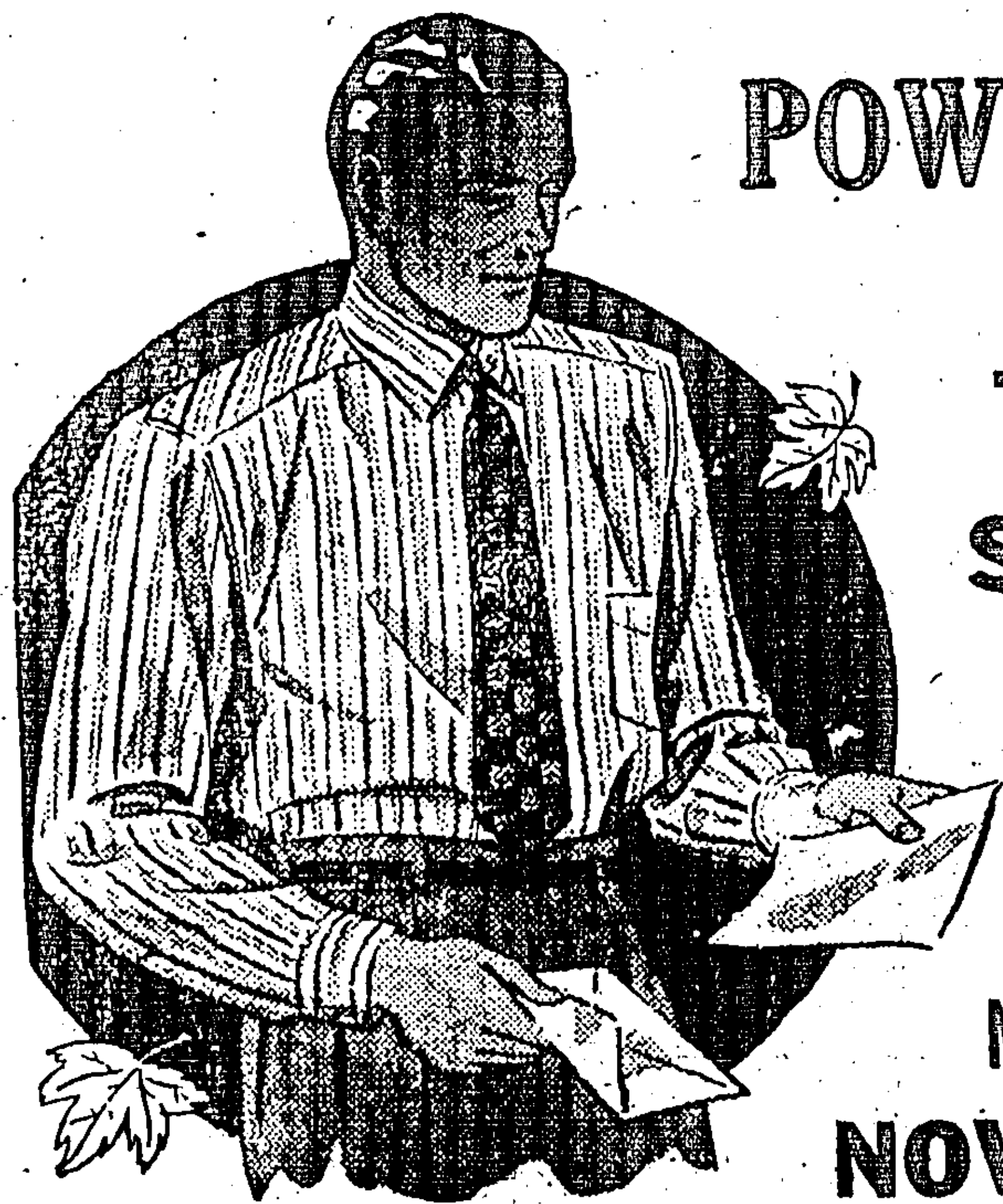
(Our Own Correspondent)
(By Telegraph. Received,
Sept. 27, 2.16 p.m.)

Brussels, To-day.

An official statement has been issued by the Belgian National Railways in connection with the destruction of the railway bridge near Arlon on Monday night.

It is stated that the bridge was blown up by accident. A mine previously laid under the bridge by the Belgian military authorities as a precautionary measure exploded for some reason not yet explained.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Both official and unofficial circles express astonishment at the report of a possible Soviet coup in Bessarabia.

Soviet fortified lines along the Dniester have been increased and Rumania recently sent reinforcements to Bessarabia as a precautionary measure and is hastily forming a defensive line on this side of the Dniester, but official and other circles express hopefulness regarding Soviet intentions.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Russian troops yesterday continued to advance towards the demarcation line, states a General Staff of the Red Army communique.

It is claimed that they have occupied the fortress of Ossovets and the towns of Holm, Zamoscie, Rawarusska and Sambor, and have taken prisoner 26,500 Polish troops.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

According to a Berlin wireless broadcast, Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, who returned to Berlin with Hitler yesterday evening, had several long talks with Hitler during the past two days.

Von Ribbentrop is expected to return from his visit to Moscow on Friday.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

A Warsaw communique states that eight German 'planes were brought down on Monday.

It says it is impossible to estimate the loss of life in Warsaw, which is falling into ruins, but the garrison is maintaining the defence and has repulsed all attacks.

Modlin is surrounded but holding out bravely.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

A communique describes the explanation of the Estonian Government about the disappearance of the Polish submarine interned in Tallinn as unsatisfactory.

It refers to the report that an unknown submarine had been sighted at Luga Bay and suggests there is a secret submarine base somewhere near the Estonian coast.

It adds that the question of ensuring the security of Soviet were against diversionist acts of hidden submarines is of the most importance.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The High Command is extensively studying German concentrations in regions around Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen) and Baden.

Aerial reconnaissances far into Germany have established that German reinforcements are concentrated throughout the Rhineland.

Apparently, at least a part of these have come from the eastern front.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Settlement police are baffled in their efforts to seek a solution of the murder of a Chinese constable who was shot dead while on point duty in a Settlement road yesterday.

The constable is said to have been shot by a gunman who drove up to the officer's post, descended and fired several shots from point-blank range. He then drove off.

Only witnesses of the killing were several ricksha coolies.

The police have failed to find a motive, stating that there was no trace of the crime being due to gangsters, revenge or political reasons.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Export of copper coins have been prohibited by the Chungshan authorities.

The situation in Shek-ki is reported to be calm and quiet.

Several Japanese gun-boats are cruising in the Wangmoon Channel and off Tszshek, west of Shek-ki.—Our Own Correspondent.



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